

URGENT PLAIN

0:55PM URGENT 04-09-72 TMT

TO SALT LAKE CITY

LOS ANGELES

✓ DENVER

✓ SAN FRANCISCO

✓ LAS VEGAS

✓ SACRAMENTO

FROM DIRECTOR 3P

RICHARD FLOYD MC COY, JR.; CRIME ABOARD AIRCRAFT - HIJACKING;
INTERFERENCE WITH FLIGHT CREW MEMBERS, OO: SU.

SUBJECT TAKEN INTO CUSTODY EARLY TODAY BY AGENTS, SALT LAKE
CITY OFFICE, AFTER BEING CHARGED IN AUTHORIZED COMPLAINT FILES
BEFORE U.S. MAGISTRATE, SALT LAKE CITY, WITH AIRCRAFT PIRACY
AND INTERFERENCE WITH FLIGHT CREW. SUBJECT MADE NO ADMISSIONS.
LABORATORY IDENTIFIED MC COY'S HANDWRITING ON NOTE UTILIZED BY
HIJACKER TO INSTRUCT FLIGHT CREW. WITNESS ON HIJACKED AIRCRAFT
WAS IDENTIFIED SUBJECT'S PHOTOGRAPHS.

ALL OFFICES SHOULD CONTINUE LOGICAL INVESTIGATION INCLUDING
THAT SET FORTH IN SALT LAKE CITY TELETYPE APRIL EIGHT LAST TO
DEVELOP ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE LINKING MC COY TO OFFENSE. INTENSIFY
EFFORTS TO DETERMINE IF HE HAD ASSOCIATES. SALT LAKE CITY
IMMEDIATELY FURNISH PHOTOGRAPHS OF SUBJECT TO INTERESTED OFFICES.
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OBTAIN PHOTOGRAPHS OF SUBJECT'S [REDACTED] AND
CONSIDER FORWARDING SAME TO OTHER OFFICES IN EVENT INVESTIGATION
NECESSARY RE EITHER. INTENSIFY INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE IF
[REDACTED] PICKED UP SUBJECT AFTER DROP AND SET FORTH NECESSARY
LEADS TO DEVELOP FULL BACKGROUND DATA ON BOTH SUBJECT AND [REDACTED].
IDENTIFY CLOSE ASSOCIATES OF SUBJECT, PARTICULARLY THOSE WHO
ARE PARACHUTISTS AND CONSIDER AS POSSIBLE ACCOMPLICES. IDENTIFY
EYU STUDENT AT ALPINE, UTAH, FRIEND OF SUBJECT WHO REPORTEDLY
HAD PRIOR KNOWLEDGE OF HIJACKING.

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LAS VEGAS AND SALT LAKE CITY CONTINUE TERRAIN SEARCHES IN
AN EFFORT TO LOCATE ALL PARACHUTES, ELECTRONIC HOMING DEVICES
AND LARGE CANVAS BAG APPARENTLY JETTISONED FROM HIJACKED CRAFT BY
MC COY PRIOR TO HIS JUMP. SALT LAKE CITY CONTINUE EFFORTS TO
IDENTIFY HELICOPTER REPORTEDLY SEEN IN JUMP AREA. COPIED
SERIAL NUMBERS FOR TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS IN RANSOM MONEY
DID NOT SHOW SERIES YEAR. BUREAU CURRENTLY RE-EVALUATING
PRACTICALITY OF SEQUENCING AND PUBLISHING SAME.

SAN FRANCISCO DETERMINE FROM WELLS FARGO AND UAL OTHER
POSSIBLE MEANS OF IDENTIFYING RANSOM MONEY SUCH AS WRAPERS,
CANDIDIES, ETC.

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SALT LAKE CITY INTENSIFY EFFORTS TO DETERMINE IF AREA NATIONAL GUARD UNITS HAVE PARACHUTE OR EQUIPMENT SHORTAGE. CONSIDER EXTENDING SEARCH TO OTHER NATIONAL GUARD UNITS IF SUBJECT HAD POSSIBLE CONTACTS OUTSIDE PROVO - SALT LAKE CITY AREA.

EXPEDITE TELEPHONE TOLL CALL CHECKS ON SUBJECT AND LOGICAL ASSOCIATES.

ALL OFFICES BE ALERT TO POSSIBLE VIOLATIONS OF INTERCEPTION OF COMMUNICATIONS STATUTE BY PRESS OR OTHERS IN CONNECTION WITH THIS INVESTIGATION. FCC HAS RECENTLY INDICATED UNAUTHORIZED DISCLOSURES BY PRESS OF RADIO COMMUNICATIONS COULD POSSIBLY BE IN VIOLATION OF SECTION SIX ZERO FIVE, TITLE FORTY-SEVEN, U.S. CODE. ADVISE BY TELETYPE UNDER APPROPRIATE CAPTION OF ANY SUCH INCIDENTS AND HOLD INVESTIGATION IN ABEYANCE PENDING INSTRUCTIONS.

ALL PHASES OF THIS INVESTIGATION SHOULD CONTINUE TO RECEIVE PRIORITY INVESTIGATION. ALL LEADS SHOULD BE HANDLED TELEPHONICALLY AND CONFIRMED BY TELETYPE. KEEP BUREAU ADVISED OF ALL DEVELOPMENTS.

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2. 4-12-72 Retouched Photo of Richard Floyd Mc Coy (cms)
3. 4-12-72 Photos of Richard Floyd McCoy Front & Side w/neg. (cms)
4. 5-5-72 Side View & Front View of McCoy *td*

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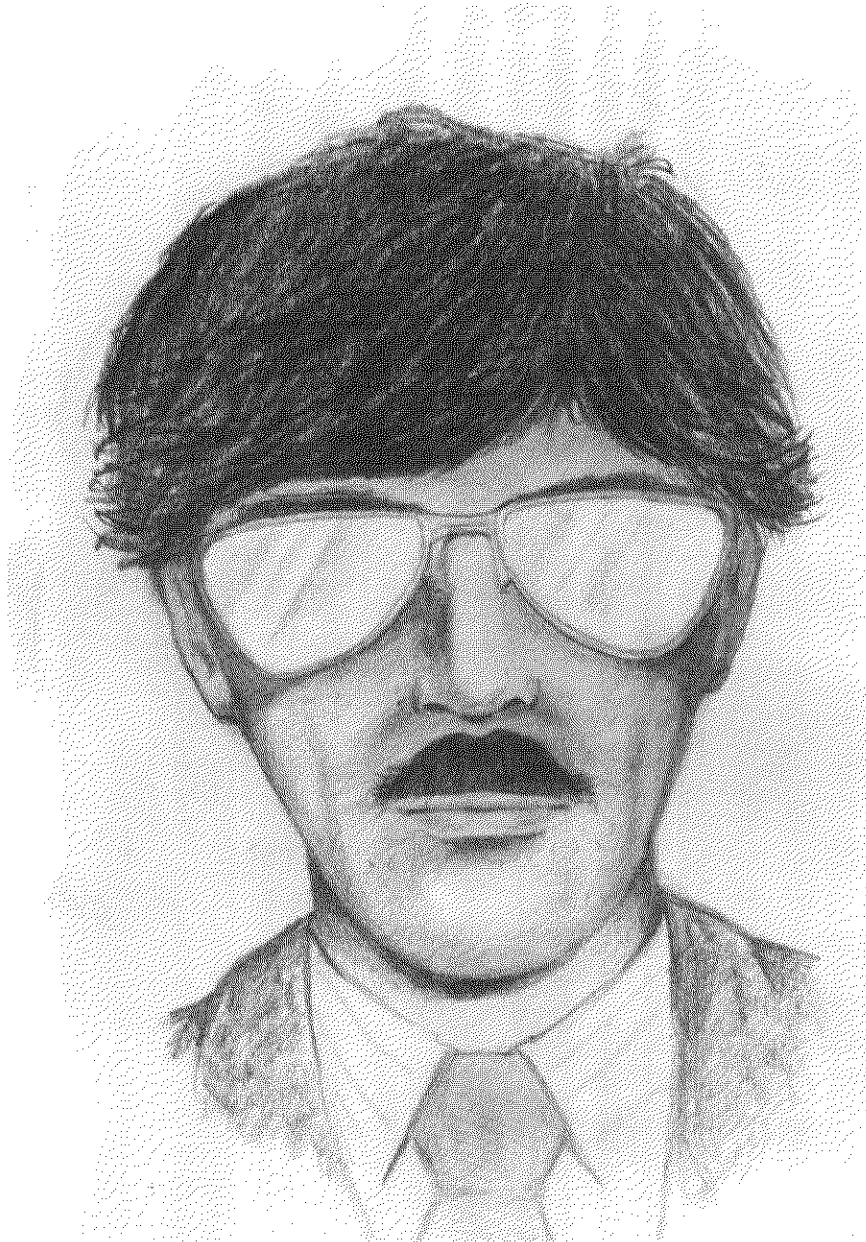
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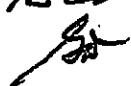
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Retouched Photograph
of Richard Floyd McCoy

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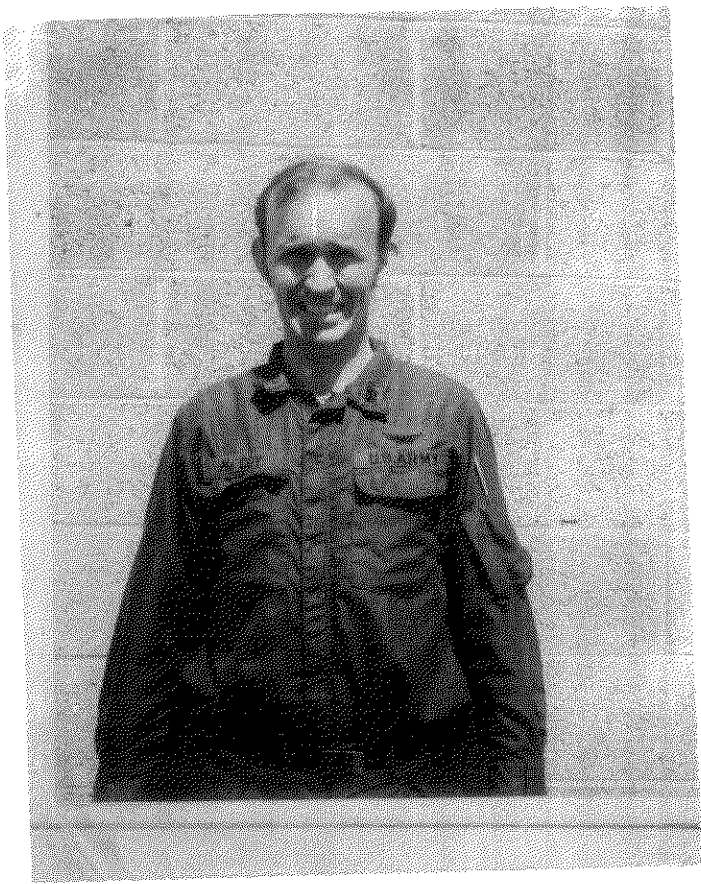
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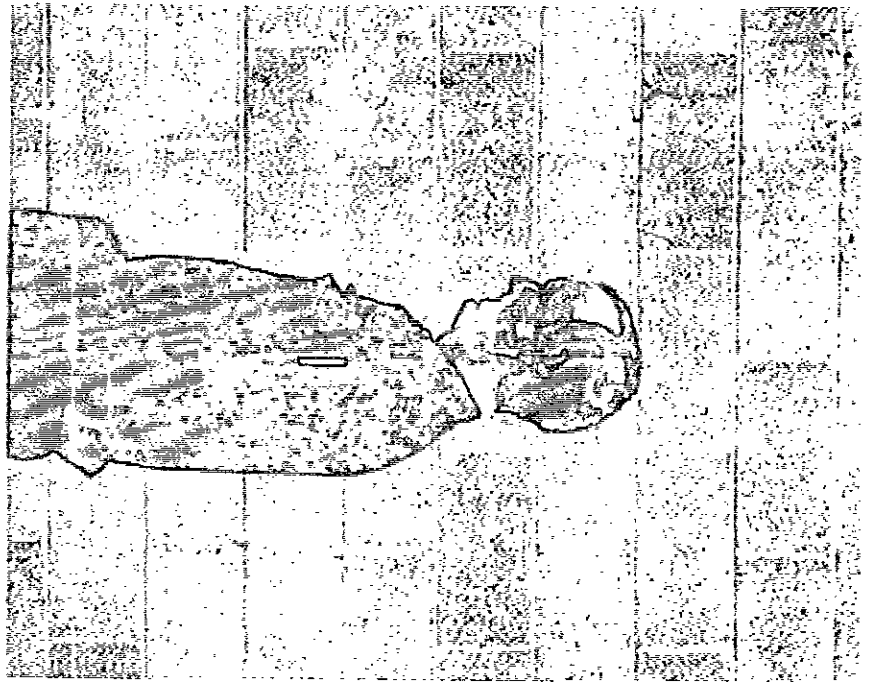
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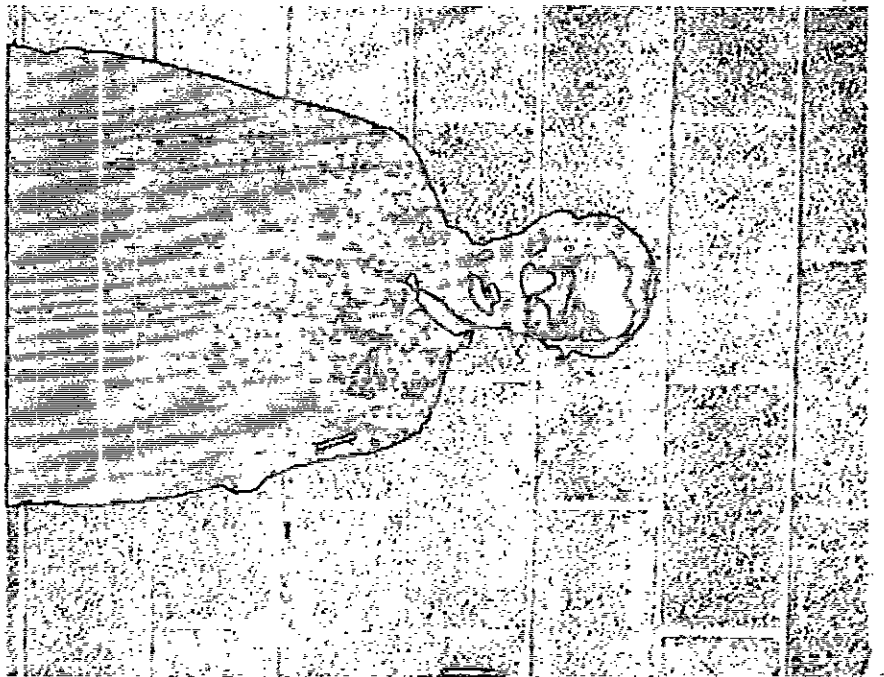


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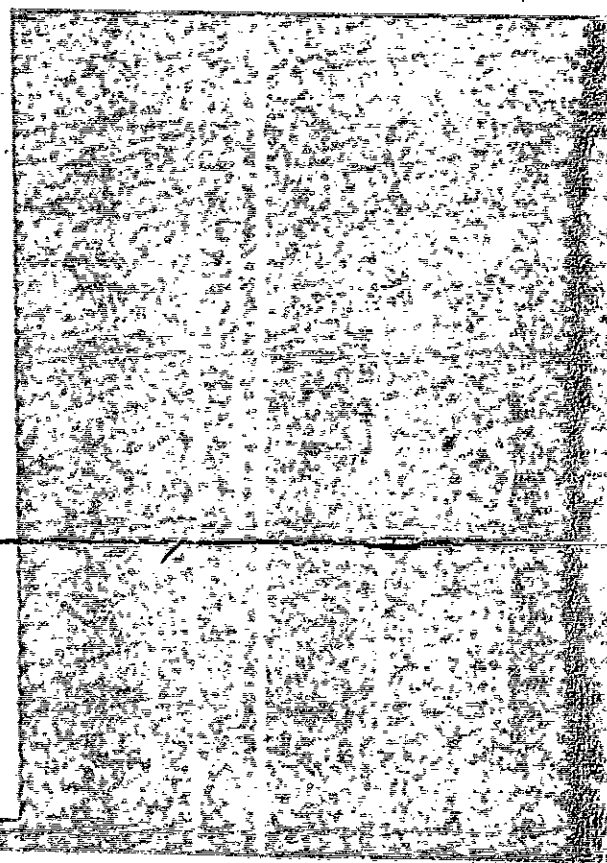


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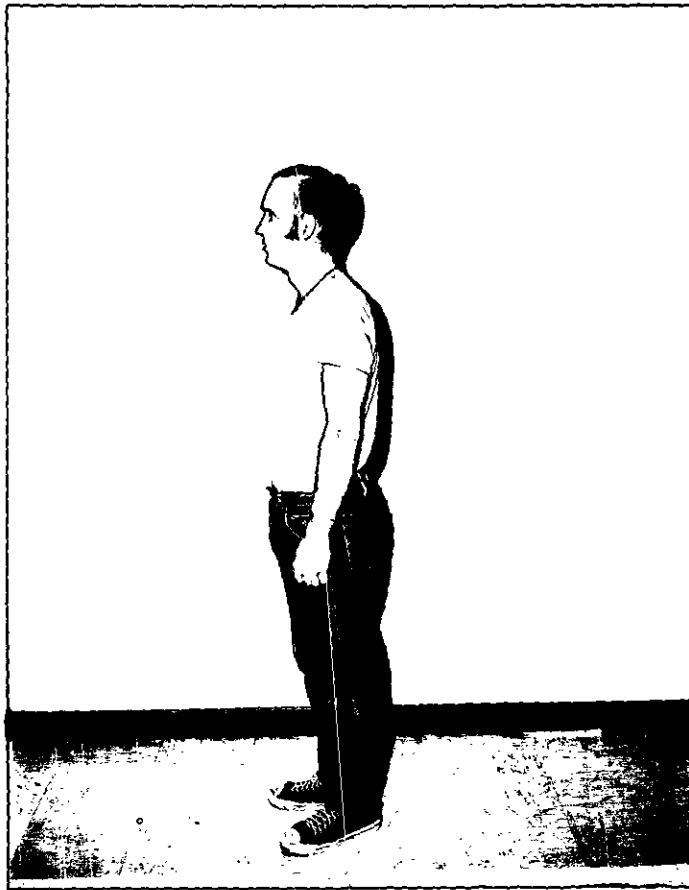
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Side View &

Front View of McCoy
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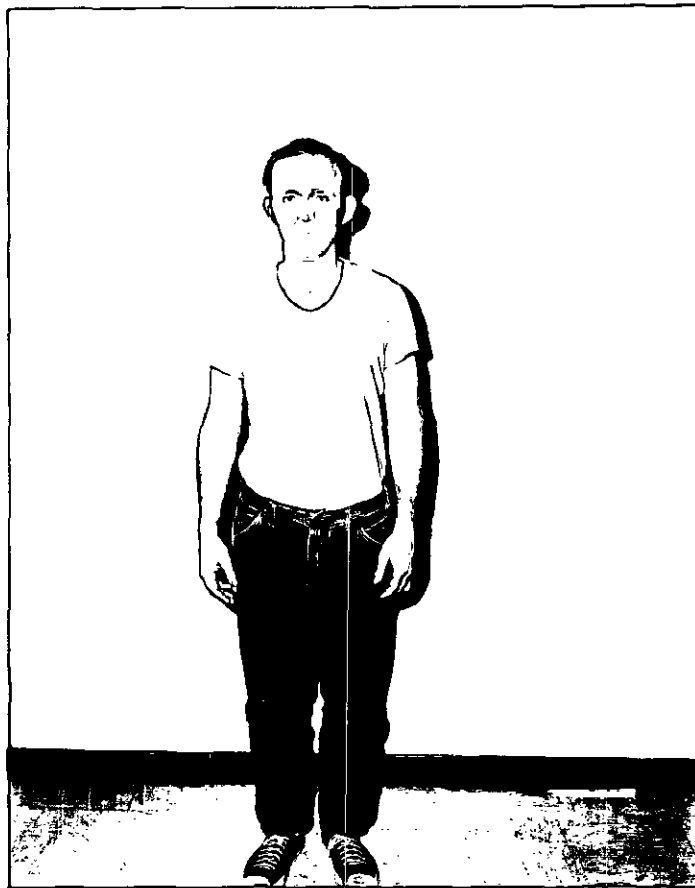
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES

DATE: 4/7/72

FROM : NIGHT SUPERVISOR [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: UNSUBS; HIJACKING OF
UAL FLIGHT #885, NEWARK
TO LOS ANGELES, 4/7/72
CAA-PIRACY

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SA [REDACTED] Newark Division, telephonically advised at 7:00 pm, 4/7/72, three passengers on captioned flight were straight through passengers from Newark to Los Angeles and one is identified as follows:

[REDACTED] with infant and 2 yearsold in seat [REDACTED]

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Ticket was purchased at 11:00 am. 4/7/72 at Newark, with American Express Card in name of [REDACTED] card number [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] New York Office determined address of [REDACTED] Fountain Valley, California.

Newark Division requests back round information be obtained on [REDACTED] to determine their identities and furnish to Bureau and San Francisco

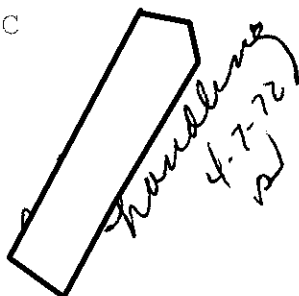
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WM 6'1" dark hair
mid build
tel # [REDACTED]
Vict 7 days 2 months ago -
no one home now.
by [REDACTED]

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SA [] ADVISED 2:10 PM that Witness [] can be reached care of [] Sacramento, phone [] ~~and determine his itinerary next 3 days so photos can be shown to him.~~

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SA [] Sacramento Div. requested to contact [] at above phone # and determine his itinerary next 3 days and advised re photos to be shown him. SA [] advised 2:45 [] contacted and will be returning to home [] Ontario, Calif. Sun Eve (time unk) and can be reached care of above telephone until then.

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AS [] Salt Lake Div. requested 3:00 PM he be advised re results of show of Photos to witnesses as quickly as possible. Also requested copies of photos be forwarded to appropriate offices for display to witnesses [] And [] when possible.

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ASAC and SA [] kept apprised of all developments. SA [] and SA [] handling display of photos to crew and witness [] SA [] meeting plane for photos.

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ASAC Schaffer, Salt Lake advised 3:35 PM by SA [] [] that witnesses were shown photos and did not ident. them with UNSUB. SCHAFFER requested photos be made and forwarded to SF and SC for show to [] and [] Requested confirming teletype be sent SL ~~per~~ concerning conversation with SA []

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BuSupervisor [] was advised of results of show of photos to witnesses and requested Bu be advised of all new developments. 4:00PM.

ASAC, LA advised of above 4:00 PM. 4 #13

b7C Three copies each photo MC COY carried to LAX at 5:50 PM for arrangements with PSA for carry to San Francisco. SA [] Advises of this and plane will be met by them and they will show photo to []

b7C SA [] released package containing photos of MC COY to [], PSA and will be transported to SF via PSA flight 721, leaving LA 7:00PM and arriving SF at 7:55 PM.

b7C SA [] SF Div. advised re package and will have agent meet plane for package and exhibit in spread to [] and advise Bureau and Salt Lake of results.

b7C Photos of MC COY carried to SA [] Long Beach, and SA [] at Santa Ana for display to United Airline personnel [] AND [] //

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC LOS ANGELES (164-new)

DATE: 4/8/72

FROM : SA [REDACTED] b7C

SUBJECT: UNSUB; aka [REDACTED] b7C
United Airlines Flight 855
Denver to Los Angeles,
April 7, 1972
CAA* Hijacking

SA [REDACTED] Salt Lake Div. Advised 11:35 AM that office has possible subject in captioned matter and will forward facsimile photo to be followed by poloroid photo. Requested crew and pertinent witnesses be contacted for viewing of photo or facsimile. Possible subject is Richard Floyd McCoy *pre-sub*

Bureau Sup. [REDACTED] advised 11:45 AM efforts be made to display above photos to witnesses for ident. purposes and BUREAU be advised of results. Stated facsimile be displayed if adequate, if not wait for pictures.

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SA [REDACTED] *Salt Lake* advised 1:00PM that above poloroid photos will be arriving LAX via Western Airlines flight 155 at 2:30 PM in custody of Captain, name unk.

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At 1:25 PM BuSupervisor [REDACTED] ext. [REDACTED] was advised the poloroid photos will be shown as facsimile not adequate. Advised crew and witnesses at LAX and photos will be shown on arrival. [REDACTED] requested Bureau be advised of results.

SA [REDACTED] San Frisco Div advised 1:30PM per writers request that witness [REDACTED] was delivered to San Quentin prison this date.

SA [REDACTED] Salt Lake advised of info re [REDACTED] at 1:50 PM and requested LA make copies of photos furnished by Salt Lake and forward same to San Francisco for show to [REDACTED]

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Complaint Form
FD-71 (Rev. 7-21-67)

NOTE: Hand print names legibly; handwriting satisfactory for remainder.

Indices: ☐ Negative ☐ See below

Subject's name and aliases

UNSUB; Hijacking of United Airlines to San Francisco, 4/7/72.

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Character of case

AIRCRAFT HIJACKING

Complainant

Complaint received

☐ Personal ☒ Telephonic Date 4/8/72 Time 7:00 PM

Address of subject

Complainant's address and telephone number

Inglewood, CA

Subject's Description	Race	Sex	Height	Hair	Build	Birth date and Birthplace
	Age	☐ Male ☐ Female	Weight	Eyes	Complexion	
	Scars, marks or other data					

Facts of complaint

C advised that he is a pilot for Western Airlines in Los Angeles. He stated that he had information that was probably a long shot as to the identity of the captioned UNSUB. He explained that he had read the LA Times description of the hijacker as received from the pilot of the hijacked aircraft which also described the hijacker as an expert pilot and skydiver. C stated that he knew an individual who was almost a perfect match for the suspect. This individual, [REDACTED], had been a civilian helicopter pilot with the ~~XXXX~~ C at Ft. Walters, Mineral Wells, Texas, which is the US Army Primary Helicopter Training School. C stated that this was in 1966 and that he had last seen ~~XXX~~ [REDACTED] in 1966 at Ft. Rucker, Ala. C stated that he thought that [REDACTED] may have flown for Air America since then and that he was possibly in Southern California about a year ago. C stated that he received most of his information about [REDACTED] from a friend, [REDACTED] Wells, Texas.

C added that he has a group photo of all instructors at FT. Walters taken in 1966 which contains photo of [REDACTED] However, in this photo, [REDACTED] is wearing sunglasses and the picture is quite small. C stated that if FBI wished to see photo it would be left in his mail drawer at the Western AL Dispatch and Crew Control, in an envelope marked for the FBI. (AT LAX)

C stated that he is scheduled to pilot a flight to Minneapolis, Minn., 4/9/72, departing at 8:00 AM, where he will lay over until 4/10/72 departing for return to LA at about 5:00PM. Following return to LA, C stated that he is taking a vacation in London, England, for two weeks.

Action Recommended

Exhibit Photo to witnesses

(Agent)

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (164-New)

DATE: 4/9/72

FROM : SA [REDACTED] -P-

SUBJECT: UNSUB, aka [REDACTED];
United Airlines Flight 855
Denver to Los Angeles
4/7/72
CAA - HIJACKING

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At 2:00 A.M. this date, [REDACTED] (NO MIDDLE NAME)
[REDACTED] called and advised he would like his name kept
confidential and furnished the following information:

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[REDACTED]
residence [REDACTED]
Glendale, Calif.
tel. [REDACTED]

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employed [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Los Angeles

[REDACTED] stated he is from Ogden, Utah, and formerly
was acquainted with one [REDACTED] lives
in Salt Lake City now; he does not know his address but states
he runs a restaurant [REDACTED]
according to [REDACTED] has never been in trouble with the
law but he has two sons, one named [REDACTED] who was in the
paratroopers at one time, and the other named [REDACTED] who
served time for bank robbery in some unrecalled Federal
Prison.

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He has not seen the [REDACTED] for two years but
says he thought of the two sons when he read about the
hijacking, noting the news media described the hijacker as
probably being experienced in parachute jumping.

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He described [REDACTED] as a white, male,
age about [REDACTED] 6'3", 175-180.

He described [REDACTED] as a white, male, age
about [REDACTED] 6', 160, thin build.

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8:15AM PM URGENT 4/8/72 ACJ

TO DIRECTOR, FBI

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SAN FRANCISCO

FROM SAC, SALT LAKE CITY (164-36) (5)

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UNSUB; AKA [REDACTED] UNITED AIRLINES FLIGHT EIGHT FIVE FIVE,
DENVER TO LOS ANGELES, APRIL SEVEN SEVENTYTWO, CAA-HIJACKING.
OO:SALT LAKE CITY.

RE DENVER TELETYPE TO BUREAU APRIL EIGHT, INSTANT AND SALT
LAKE CITY TELEPHONE CALLS TO BUREAU, APRIL SEVEN AND EIGHT.

UAL FLIGHT EIGHT FIVE FIVE REPORTED TO SALT LAKE FAA
CENTER DEPARTED SAN FRANCISCO EIGHT FORTY-TWO PM, APRIL SEVEN,
ENROUTE TWOARD COALDALE, NEVADA, MARKER, ARRIVING AT NINE
FIFTEEN PM. ARRIVED AT NEXT MARKER, TONOPAH, NEVADA, NINE
TWENTY-FOUR PM, AND WILSON CREEK NEVADA, IS NEXT MARKER.
APPROXIMATELY TWENTY-TWO MILES WEST OF WILSON CREEK MARKER,
AT THIRTY-EIGHT DEGREES TWELVE MINUTES NORTH, ONE-HUNDRED
FIFTEEN DEGREES, SEVEN MINUTES WEST, PILOT BELIEVED PARACHUTE
BEEPERS ACTIVATED, SUGGESTING HIJACKER LEFT AIRCRAFT BUT
CHASE PLANE UNABLE TO CONFIRM.

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FLIGHT CONTINUED EAST AT FOURTEEN-THOUSAND FEET AT SPEED OF ABOUT ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY KNOTS AND NO ATTEMPT MADE TO CHECK CABIN SPACE WHERE HIJACKER BELIEVED TO BE. FLIGHT CONTINUED EASTERLY TO MILFORD, UTAH, MARKER, AND CONTINUED TOWARD HANKSVILLE, UTAHBN MARKER. COURSE CHANGED AT TEN FOURTY PM OVER MARYSVALE, UTAH, TOWARD FAIRFIELD, UTAH MARKER, NEAR PROVO, UTAH. AT DISTANCE NINE MILES SOUTH OF PROVO, FLIGHT REQUESTED COURSE CHANGE THROUGH PRICE, UTAH, MARKER TO GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO, MARKER. COURSE CHANGED AND PILOT BELIEVED HIJACKER PARACHUTED FROM PLANE ON ONE HUNDRED DEGREE RADIAL AT EIGHT TO TEN MILES FROM FAIRFIELD MARKER. PILOT CHECKED AIRCRAFT AND DETERMINED UNKNOWN SUBJECT NOT ON BOARD. FLIGHT LANDED AT SALT LAKE CITY.

RADAR AT SALT LAKE AIRPORT AND FAA INDICATED UNKNOWN SUBJECT DEPARTEDSAIRPLANE IN IMMEDIATE PROXIMITY OF PROVO, UTAH, AT APPROXIMATELY ELEVEN TWELVE PM. SEARCH IMMEDIATELY BEGUN BY PREVIOUSLY ALERTED AGENTS WITH POLICE AGENCIES ARRIVING IN LIMITED FORCE APPROXIMATELY THIRTY MINUTES LATER AS AVAILABLE LIMITED FORCE HAD BEEN ENGAGED ON OTHER DUTY AT PRECISE TIME OF JUMP. COORDINATED SEARCH BEGUN ABOUT ELEVEN FORTY PM ROADBLOCKS ESTABLISHED AND FOOT SEARCHES COMMENCED AS WELL AS SUPPLEMENTAL LIMITED SEARCHES WITH

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HELICOPTERS FROM TWELVE MIDNIGHT ON WITH FLARES BEING DROPPED IN VICINITY. UTAH LAKE SITUATED WEST OF PROVO. AREA SOUTHWEST OF AIRPORT SWAMPY. PROVO RIVER ON NORTH SIDE OF CITY AND FULL AND DEEP AT THIS TIME. OVER TWO HUNDRED OFFICERS AND EIGHT DEPARTMENTS, DIRECTED BY FBI, BEING UTILIZED IN SEARCH EFFORTS. MAJOR SEARCH EFFORT COMMENCING PRIOR TO DAWN THIS DATE.

AT SALT LAKE AIRPORT HIJACKED AIRCRAFT SEARCHED BY BOMB EXPERTS AND NONE FOUND. NO WEAPONS LOCATED AND FINGERPRINTS OF QUESTIONABLE VALUE AS UNKNOWN SUBJECT WORE GLOVES. MISCELLANEOUS MATERIAL OBTAINED DURING SEARCH, THE SIGNIFICANCE OF WHICH IS UNKNOWN. STEWARDESS RETAINED ONE NOTE PASSED TO CREW BY UNKNOWN SUBJECT, HOWEVER OTHER NOTES UTILIZED BY UNKNOWN SUBJECT RETURNED TO HIM AT HIS INSISTENCE. RECOVERED NOTE ON SMALL YELLOW MEMO-TYPE TABLET PAPER AND READS "EVERYBODY OFF NOW EXCEPT STEWARDESSES. THEY STAY PUT. GET THE HELL OFF THE GD. BE QUICK ABOUT IT -- USE THISSRUNWAY." TWO PRE-TYPED FLIGHT PLANS OF FOUR GIVEN CREW RECOVERED. AFTER SEARCH AIRCRAFT SECURED BY UAL OFFICIALS.

FLIGHT CREW CONSISTING OF [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
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[REDACTED]; AND [REDACTED]

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EMPLOYEES OF UAL AND STATIONED LOS ANGELES. CREW INTERVIEWED AT SALT LAKE AND FURNISHED FOLLOWING COMPOSITE DESCRIPTION: WHITE; MALE; AMERICAN; AGE TWENTY-SEVEN TO THIRTY YEARS; FIVE FEET FIVE TO FIVE FEET EIGHT INCHES; ONE HUNDRED FOURTY-FIVE TO ONE HUNDRED FIFTY POUNDS; WEARING FALSE BLACK MOUSTACHE AND DARK BROWN OR BLACK WIG; HAIR POSSIBLY BLACK AND CURLY UNDER WIG; EYES GRAY-BLUE; WEARING MIRROR SUN-GLASSES; BLACK, BUSHY, HEAVY EYEBROWS; POSSIBLY THIN LIPS AND SMALL MOUTH; SLENDER BUILD BUT WITH HEAVY LEGS; SLIGHTLY PITTED CHEEKS; DARK COMPLEXION, NORMAL OR SLIGHTLY HIGH PITCHED VOICE; SEEMED COCKY; AND DESCRIBED AS KNOWLEDGEABLE CONCERNING AIRCRAFT AND PARACHUTING. BELIEVED TO HAVE CHANGED CLOTHING AND JUMPED IN MILITARY-TYPE JUMP SUIT, WITH BLACK HARD-TYPE HAT. UNSUB BELIEVED TO HAVE HAD HAND GRENADE AND AUTOMATIC OR REVOLVER OF DARK COLOR.

SEARCH CONTINUING. EVIDENCE BEING PREPARED FOR SUBMISSION TO FBI LABORATORY. LEADS BEING SET OUT BY OTHER COMMUNICATIONS.

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BUREAU BEING KEPT CURRENTLY ADVISED. PRESS INQUIRIES BEING ANSWERED. UAL OFFICIALS MADE CREW AVAILABLE FOR PRESS INQUIRY BUT INSTRUCTED THAT THEIR ANSWERS BE GENERAL IN NATURE. NO ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL BEING REQUESTED PENDING RESULT OF SEARCH UNDERWAY.

SUBJECT CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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BCD FBI LOS ANGELES CLR

NR013 MA PLAIN 7:10 AM

3:30AM URGENT 4-8-72 MXH FCO

TO DIRECTOR

LOS ANGELES

LAS VEGAS

DENVER

SALT LAKE CITY

/////ALL OFFICES VIA WASH DC/////

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UNSUB, AKA [REDACTED] UNITED AIR LINES FLIGHT EIGHT FIVE FIVE, DENVER TO LOS ANGELES APRIL SEVEN, SEVENTYTWO, CAA-HIJACKING, OO: DENVER.

RE SAN FRANCISCO TELEPHONE CALLS TO BUREAU, BUREAU TELEPHONE CALLS TO SAN FRANCISCO, APRIL SEVEN LAST, AND SAN FRANCISCO TELETYPE APRIL SEVEN LAST.

BUREAU HAS ADVISED THAT BUREAU ARTIST ARRIVED LOS ANGELES THIS DATE PREPARE ARTIST'S CONCEPTION OF SUBJECT. WITNESSES WHO CAN PROVIDE BEST DESCRIPTION OF SUBJECT AS FOLLOWS:

[REDACTED]
GARDENA, CALIFORNIA,

[REDACTED]
ONTARIO, CALIFORNIA,

[REDACTED] UAL BASE, LOS ANGELES,

[REDACTED]
COLORADO,

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GOLDEN, COLORADO.

[REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] ARE IN LOS ANGELES AT A CONVENTION.
WILL CONTACT LOS ANGELES OFFICE THIS DATE AS TO LOCATION IN LOS
ANGELES. IN ADDITION, THE [REDACTED] WHO REMAINED ABOARD
AIRCRAFT ON DEPARTURE SAN FRANCISCO ARE IN POSITION TO FURNISH b7C
DESCRIPTION: [REDACTED] 4/8 AND [REDACTED] 4/8 BOTH BASED LOS ANGELES. ✓

THE REMAINING CREW MEMBERS DEPARTED SAN FRANCISCO WITH
HIJACKER: [REDACTED] [REDACTED] b7C
[REDACTED]

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OF HUNDRED SIXTY PAGES. IN VIEW OF VOLUME SAME WILL BE HANE
CARRIED BY CAPTAIN UAL FLIGHT EIGHT FIVE ZERO, DEPARTING
SAN FRANCISCO EIGHT FORTYFIVE AM THIS DATE, ARRIVING DULLES AIRPORT
FOUR FORTYFIVE PM . BUREAU ADVISED MAKING ARRANGEMENTS WASHINGTON
FIELD OFFICE TO PICK UP. BUREAU WILL BE ADVISED ON DEPARTURE OF
FLIGHT. CAPTAIN'S NAME AND ANY FURTHER DETAILS.

MANIFEST ON SUBJECT FLIGHT CONTAINED NAMES EIGHTYFOUR
PASSENGERS. ALL PASSENGERS INTERVIEWED WITH EXCEPTION OF

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[REDACTED] AND AN INFANT CHILD. EIGHTYTWO PASSENGERS INTERVIEWED ONE STEWARDESS, FOR A TOTAL EIGHTYTHREE INTERVIEWS.

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[REDACTED] DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA, ADVISED AS FOLLOWS. HE STATED THAT HE ENTERED THE AIRPLANE AT DENVER, COLORADO WITH HIS

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[REDACTED] AND THAT THEIR OTHER DESTINATION WAS LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA. BOTH [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] WERE SEATED IN [REDACTED] OF THE AIRCRAFT.

[REDACTED] STATED HE FIRST OBSERVED SUBJECT WHEN SUBJECT ENTERED THE RESTROOM OF THE AIRPLANE. AT THAT TIME [REDACTED] NOTICED THAT THE SUBJECT HAD BROWN COLORED MEDIUM LENGTH HAIR. WHEN THE SUBJECT CAME OUT OF THE BATHROOM AFTER A LENGTHY PERIOD OF TIME [REDACTED] NOTED THAT HE WEARING WHAT APPEARED TO BE BLACK WIG AND A MUSTACHE THAT APPEARED TO BE FALSE.

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AFTER SUBJECT RETURNED TO HIS SEAT, [REDACTED] NOTED THAT SUBJECT WAS GOING THROUGH A MANILA ENVELOPE AND TAKING OUT WHAT APPEARED TO BE PIECES OF NOTEPAPER. [REDACTED] ALSO NOTED SUBJECT RUMMAGING THROUGH A SMALL BLACK SUITCASE.

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[REDACTED] SAID THAT APPROXIMATELY ONE HOUR OUT OF DENVER HE GOT UP AND WALKED PAST THE SUBJECT ATO GET A LOOK AT HIM AS HE WAS SUSPICIOUS OF HIM, AND THAT ON HIS RETURN FROM THE

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RESTROOM HE NOTICED THAT THE SUBJECT WAS HOLDING WHAT APPEARED TO BE A HAND GRENADE. [] STATED THAT THE SUBJECT LOOKED UP AT [] AND MADE SURE THAT HE SAW THE HAND GRENADE AND THEN COVERED THE HAND GRENADE WITH HIS HAND.

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FROM THAT TIME FORWARD. [] NOTED THAT THE SUBJECT PASSED SEVERAL NOTES TO THE STEWARDESSES, WHO TOOK THEM TO THE CAPTAIN OF THE AIRCRAFT. [] DID NOT HEAR THE SUBJECT MAKE ANY VERBAL DEMANDS DURING THE FLIGHT. [] STATED THAT HE SAW THE SUBJECT MOVE FROM HIS SEAT AFTER HE HAD HAD THE OTHER TWO PASSENGERS ON THAT ROW MOVE TO THE FRONT OF THE AIRCRAFT TO A WINDOW SEAT WHERE THE SUBJECT REMAINED THROUGHOUT THE HIJACKING.

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UPON LANDING AT THE SAN FRANCISCO AIRPORT, THE [] TOLD [] AND THE OTHER MAN SITTING IN HIS ROW TO LEAVE THEIR SEATS AND GO TO THE FRONT OF THE AIRCRAFT. [] REMAINED SITTING IN ROW ONE NINE.

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AFTER THE AIRCRAFT WAS ON THE GROUND THE SUBJECT MADE [] ACCOMPANY ONE OF THE CREW MEMEBERS OF THE AIRPLANE OUT OF THE AIRCRAFT AND RETRIEVE SOME BAGGAGE AND WHAT APPEARED TO BE SOME PARACHUTES. SHORTLY AFTER THE BAGGAGE WAS BROUGHT ON BOARD THE PASSENGERS WERE TOLD TO LEAVE THE AIRCRAFT AND BOTH [] AND [] LEFT THE AIRCRAFT AT AT TIME.

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[REDACTED] FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION VOLUNTARILY/ AFTER HAVING BEEN ADVISED OF THE PERSONAL AND OFFICIAL IDENTITY OF INTERVIEWING AGENT AS WELL AS AFTER HAVING BEEN ADVISED OF HIS CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS.

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[REDACTED] ADVISED THAT DURING NINETEEN SEVENTY HE WAS SERVING TIME FOR ESCAPE AT THE DEUEL VOCATIONAL INSTITUTE, TRACY, CALIFORNIA, AND ON OCTOBER SIX, SEVENTY ONE [REDACTED] WALKED AWAY FROM THE ABOVE FACILITY. HE ADVISED THAT ON APRIL SEVEN, SEVENTYTWO, HE WAS IN THE PROCESS OF BEING EXTRADITED FROM DENVER, COLORADO, BACK TO LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, WHERE HE WAS TO BE REASSIGNED TO SOME STATE OF CALIFORNIA CORRECTIONAL FACILITY.

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HE STATED THAT AT APPROXIMATELY TWO THIRTY P.M., APRIL SEVEN, SEVENTYTWO, HE, IN THE CUSTODY OF [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, BOARDED A UNITED AIRPLANE IN DENVER, COLORADO, ENROUTE TO LOS ANGELES. HE STATED THAT HE AND [REDACTED] WERE SEATED IN [REDACTED] OF THE AIRPLANE [REDACTED] OF THE AIRPLANE.

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HE ADVISED HE AND [REDACTED] AND A WHEELCHAIR PASSENGER BOARDED THE AIRPLANE PRIOR TO ANY OTHER PASSENGERS COMING ON BOARD.

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THE PLANE. HE STATED THAT AFTER ALL THE OTHER PASSENGERS HAD BOARDED THE AIRPLANE, A STEWARDESS OVER THE PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEM ASKED IF ANYONE WAS MISSING A MANILA ENVELOPE, AT WHICH TIME A MALE PASSENGER WHO WAS LOCKED IN THE RESTROOM STEPPED OUT OF THE RESTROOM MOMENTARILY, ADVISED THE STEWARDESS IT WAS HIS, AT WHICH TIME THE ENVELOPE WAS GIVEN TO HIM AND HE RETURNED TO THE MEN'S ROOM. (THIS INDIVIDUAL SUBSEQUENTLY BECAME THE HIJACKER OF THE ABOVE MENTIONED AIRPLANE). [REDACTED] ADVISED AS THE b7C PLANE WAS GETTING READY TO TAKE OFF FROM THE DENVER AIRPORT A STEWARDESS WENT BACK TO THE RESTROOM IN ORDER TO GET THE ABOVE INDIVIDUAL TO COME OUT OF THE RESTROOM AND RETURN TO HIS SEAT, HOWEVER, THE PASSENGER WAS RELUCTANT TO COME OUT OF THE RESTROOM.

AT THIS TIME A MALE EMPLOYEE ON THE AIRPLANE CAME BACK TO THE RESTROOM AND WAS SUCCESSFUL IN GETTING THE ABOVE INDIVIDUAL TO COME OUT OF THE BATHROOM AND TAKE HIS SEAT NEXT TO THE WINDOW IN ROW TWENTY ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE PLANE. A SHORT TIME LATER THE PLANE BECAME AIRBORNE AND AT THIS POINT [REDACTED] OBSERVED THE HIJACKER ACTING NERVOUS AND APPEARED TO BE PLAYING WITH HIS b7C COAT AS IF HE MIGHT HAVE A GUN UNDERNEATH HIS COAT. [REDACTED] ADVISED HE ALERTED [REDACTED] OF THE HIJACKER'S ACTIVITIES.

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[] STATED A SHORT TIME LATER A GREY HAired MAN WITH A MUSTACHE, BELIEVED TO BE AN AIRLINES EMPLOYEE, CAME BACK TO THE AREA WHERE THE HIJACKER WAS SEATED, ENGAGED THE HIJACKER IN CONVERSATION, AT WHICH TIME THE HIJACKER MOTIONED WITH HIS FINGER FOR THE GREY HAired MAN TO RETURN TO THE FRONT OF THE PLANE.

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HE STATED A SYORT TIME LATER OVER THE PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEM A MALE VOICE ANNOUNCED THAT DUE TO MECHANICAL DIFFICULTIES WITH THE HYDRALIC SYSTEM THE PLANE WOULD BE LANDING AT GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO. [] STATED HE CONTINUED TO OBSERVE THE HIJACKER WHO PERIODICALLY WOULD RING THE SERVICE BELL, AT WHICH TIME DIFFERENT STEWARDESSES WOULD COME BACK TO THE HIJACKER AND THE HIJACKER WOULD GIVE THE STEWARDESS NOTES. HE ADVISED THIS OCCURRED EIGHT OR TEN TIMES. HE STATED THE PILOT EVENTUALLY ANNOUNCED THAT THE PLANE WOULD NOT BE GOING TO LOS ANGELES AS SCHEDULED BUT WOULD BE GOING TO SAN FRANCISCO.

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[] STATED THAT A SHORT DISTANCE OUT OF SAN FRANCISCO THE PILOT ANNOUNCED THAT THE PLANE WOULD NOT BE GOING TO THE NORMAL UNLOADING AREA AS ALL AREAS WERE BEING UTILIZED. HE
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ADVISED THAT THE PLANE AFTER LANDING WAS PARKED IN A POSITION
AWAY FROM THE AIRLINE TERMINAL. HE ADVISED AT THIS TIME A
STEWARDESS CAME BACK TO THE AREA WHERE HE AND [REDACTED] WERE
SEATED AND THE STEWARDESS REQUESTED THAT [REDACTED] AS WELL AS THE
OTHER PASSENGERS SEATED IN [REDACTED] MOVE TO THE FRONT OF THE
PLANE AND ALSO MADE THE REQUEST FOR A WOMAN AND A YOUNG CHILD SEATED
DIRECTLY BEHIND HIM [REDACTED] ALSO MOVE TO THE FRONT OF THE PLANE.
HE ADVISED THAT THROUGHOUT THIS ACTIVITY HE OBSERVED
THE HIJACKER SEATED ACROSS FROM HIM HOLDING A HAND GRENADE WITH
THE PIN REMOVED. HE ADVISED THAT AFTER THE PEOPLE AROUND HIM HAD
BEEN MOVED TO THE FRONT OF THE PLANE THE HIJACKER [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] A SHORT TIME LATER HE HANDED
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] HE ADVISED THAT A SHORT TIME LATER A STEWARDNESS
ARRIVED [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] ADVISED HE WAS ALSO
[REDACTED]

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THE HIJACKER HAD REQUESTED THAT A LARGE BLUE PIECE OF LUGGAGE
BE BROUGHT BACK ONTO THE PLANE. [REDACTED] STATED [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] ONE

BLACK AND ONE TAN, AND A COUPLE OF OTHER ITEMS BELIEVED TO BE
PARACHUTES! BOARDED THE PLANE AND TOOK THE ABOVE ITEMS TO THE
RESTROOM IN THE REAR OF THE PLANE. HE ADVISED [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] b7C

AT THIS TIME [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] b7C

[REDACTED] ADVISED HE DID NOT KNOW THIS INDIVIDUAL AND DOES
NOT RECALL EVER HAVING SEEN THIS INDIVIDUAL AND NOTICE NO OTHER
INDIVIDUALS BELIEVED TO BE INVOLVED IN THIS HIJACKING.

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[REDACTED] ADVISED THE HIJACKER IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: WM,
THIRTYFOUR TO THIRTYFIVE YEARS, FIVE FEET EIGHT TO NINE INCHES,

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HUNDRED SIXTYFIVE TO HUNDRED SEVENTY POUNDS, MEDIUM BUILD, WEARING A DARK WIG WHICH CAME DOWN IN FRONT TO EYEBROW LEVEL, COMBED BACK AROUND OVER HIS EARS, WEARING MIRROR TYPE SUNGLASSES, DARK PANTS, DARK COLORED JACKET. HE HAD A FAKE MUSTACHE, HAD SIDEBURNS DOWN TO THE MIDDLE OF THE FACE, CURVING TOWARD THE MOUTH ABOUT ONE INCH AND WERE SQUARED OFF. [REDACTED] BELIEVED HIS HAIR b7C TO BE DARK BROWN, STATED HE WAS WEARING GLOVES, GOLF TYPE, BLACK IN COLOR, UPON ON TOP WITH A SNAP

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FOLLOWING COMPOSITE DESCRIPTION OBTAINED FROM PASSENGERS AND CREW.

WM, TWENTYFIVE TO THIRTYFIVE YEARS OLD, FIVE FEET EIGHT TO TEN INCHES, HUNDRED THIRTYFIVE TO HUNDRED SEVENTY POUNDS, DARK COMPLEXION, VARIOUSLY DESCRIBED AS SPANISH, ARAB, GREEK OR LEBANESE DESCENT. WEARING SMALL BANDAID LEFT SIDE OF NOSE TO JUST UNDER LEFT EYE, BLACK MUSTACHE, DESCRIBED AS THIN TO WIDE BUSHY, CURLED ON ENDS. SEVERAL WITNESSES DESCRIBE GOATEE, THIN WITH SQUARE SIDES, SHORT LENGTH, WEARING JET BLACK OR DARK BROWN WIG, CURLY OR WIRY, NOT PARTED, COMING DOWN ON FOREHEAD, STRAIGHT ACROSS JUST ABOVE EYEBROWS, COLLAR LENGTH IN BACK COMBED OVER THE EARS COVERING REAL HAIR DESCRIBED AS LIGHT BROWN WITH MEDIUM SIDEBURNS TO THE MIDDLE OF THE EAR. WIG DESCRIBED AS HAVING LONG SIDEBURNS TO BELOW THE EARLOBE. WEARING BLACK LEATHER GLOVES WITH HOLE IN TOP OF EACH GLOVE FASTENED WITH SNAP LIKE GLOF GLOVES, WITH THICK BLACK HAIR ON BACK OF HANDS, ALSO SEEN WITHOUT GLOVES AND DESCRIBED AS HAVING THICK FINGERS.

WEARING SUNGLASSES, POSSIBLY TWO DIFFERENT PAIRS, ONE PAIR DESCRIBED AS ROUND MOD STYLE WITH MIRROR LENSES AND GOLD

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RIMS, AND OTHER PAIR DESCRIBED AS DARK RIMS WITH DARK LENSES. GREY-BLUE EYES. WEARING SILVER OR CHROME WRISTWATCH, LARGE ROUND TYPE WITH CONSIDERABLE ART WORK OR NUMBERS ON FACE OF WATCH, EXPANDABLE BAND WITH U-SHAPE LINKS WORN ON LEFT WRIST.

CLOTHING DESCRIBED VARIOUSLY AS GREY BUSINESS SUIT OR DARK BLUE BUSINESS SUIT WITH STRIPES AND ALSO AS GREY OR BLUE HEAVY MATERIAL, POSSIBLY FLANNEL SPORT COAT WITH RED SPOTS OR STRIPES OR YELLOW PINSTRIPE. ALSO REPORTED AT TIMES TO BE CARRYING HEAVY BLUE OVERCOAT, WEARING YELLOW SHIRT WITH ALTERNATING

STRIPES AND TOWS OF BLUE-GREEN FLOWERS WITH POINTED TAB COLLAR, AND ALSO DESCRIBED AS DARK BLUE FLOWERED.

NECKTIE DESCRIBED AS WIDE AND DARK AND REPORTED AS LIGHT BLUE OR GREY. WITNESSES WHO DESCRIBED ATTIRE AS SPORT COAT STATE TROUSERS WERE EITHER DARK OR GREY WITH RED STRIPES. SHOES DESCRIBED AS BUSTER BROWN WITH BLUE PATENT LEATHER FRONT AND BLACK, SQUARES TOES AND GREY SUEDE SIDES.

FACE DESCRIBED AS NARROW, THIN, LONG, OVAL. RIGHT-HANDED. VOICE DESCRIBED AS MEDIUM PITCH, NO ACCENT. CARRIED LARGE GUN IN A HOLSTER, DESCRIBED AS BEING EITHER LUGER OR FORTYFIVE CALIBER TYPE AUTOMATIC WITH LONG, POSSIBLE SIX INCH BARREL, GUN METAL BLUE OR FLAT BLACK COLOR.

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ANY CORR ALL OFFICES CONTACT SAN FRAN

CORR IS ON PAGE FOUR LINE 14 FROM TOP LINE STARTS WITH
THEIR SEATS

THEIR SEATS AND GO TO THE FRONT OF THE AIRCRAFT. b7C

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9:49PM URGENT 4/8/72 LSB

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

LAS VEGAS

LOS ANGELES

SAN FRANCISCO

SEATTLE

FROM: SAC, SALT LAKE CITY (164-36) 8P

UNSUB, AKA [REDACTED] UNITED AIRLINES FLIGHT NO. EIGHT FIVE FIVE, DENVER, COLORADO, TO LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, APRIL SEVEN SEVENTYTWO, CAA DASH HIJACKING. OO: SU. b7C

BASED ON INFORMATION FURNISHED BY AIRLINE AND FAA OFFICIALS REGARDING PROBABLE DROP SITE OF HIJACKER AT PROVO, UTAH, AIRPORT, SALT LAKE CITY COORDINATED MASSIVE AIR AND LAND SEARCH THROUGHOUT NIGHT WITH ASSISTANCE OF MILITARY AIRCRAFT USING FLARES AND ROAD BLOCKS CHECKING ALL TRAFFIC DEPARTING PROVO AREA.

AT FIRST LIGHT OF DAWN SALT LAKE CITY INTENSIFIED AIR, LAND AND WATER SEARCH OVER LOGICAL AIRWAYS IN QUESTION THROUGHOUT VALLEY AND LAKE AREAS WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. EFFORTS INCLUDED ASSISTANCE OF STATE, FEDERAL AND LOCAL OFFICIALS UTILIZING FIVE HELICOPTERS AND TWO AIRPLANES.

ADDITIONAL EFFORTS DIRECTED TO CHECKING HOSPITALS, TRANSPORTATION OUTLETS, APPROPRIATE NEIGHBORHOODS AND CAMPERS UTILIZING FACILITIES SURROUNDING LAKE. ONLY PARACHUTES LOCATED USED PREVIOUS
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NIGHT IN FLARE LIGHTING EXERCISES.

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ASSOCIATE OF RICHARD F. MC COY, JR. ADVISED THAT MC COY FIT DESCRIPTION OF UNSUB AND HIS WHEREABOUTS ON NIGHT OF HIJACKING WERE UNKNOWN. NOTED MC COY HAD DISCUSSED HIJACKING INCIDENTS WITH HIM ON PREVIOUS OCCASION.

MC COY LOCATED AND INTERVIEWED AND DETERMINED TO FIT GENERAL DESCRIPTION AND IS QUALIFIED JUMPER, DEMOLITION EXPERT AND PILOT. MC COY DENIES IMPLICATION IN INCIDENT AND STATES WITH [REDACTED] FOR DINNER AND RETURNED HOME WITH HER BETWEEN ELVEN AND ELEVEN THIRTY PM ON DATE OF HIJACKING. [REDACTED] ALSO INTERVIEWED AND DENIED KNOWLEDGE OR IMPLICATION BY HERSELF OR HUSBAND IN HIJACKING b7C SITUATION AND INDICATED SHE HAD BEEN WITH HIM ON NIGHT OF HIJACKING. MC COY HAS SERIOUS LIMP AND CLAIMED PULLED LIGIMENT IN SKIING ACCIDENT TWO WEEKS PREVIOUS AND LEG PLACED IN CAST BY BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY HEALTH AUTHORITY, PROVO, UTAH. LEG EXAMINED AND DETERMINED TO BE BADLY SWOLLEN, HOWEVER, CAST HAD BEEN REMOVED. PERSONNEL AT ARMY OPERATIONS CENTER ADVISED MC COY HAD ACCIDENT AND HAD BEEN LIMPING FOR SOME TIME. MC COY FURNISHED LIMITED AMOUNT OF

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HANDWRITING WHICH IS BEING FURNISHED TO BUREAU AND CONSENTED TO SEARCH OF AUTOMOBILE AND CONSENTED TO BEING PHOTOGRAPHED WHICH PHOTOS FORWARDED TO LOS ANGELES FOR EXHIBITION TO AIRPLANE CREW.

MC COY DECLINED ON SEARCH OF RESIDENCE AND ON SPECIFICS OF ACTIVITIES STATING IT WAS AN INVASION OF PRIVACY. CLAIMS TO BE LAW ENFORCEMENT STUDENT UNDER FORMER AGENT [REDACTED] b7C BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY. [REDACTED] INTERVIEWED AND COULD FURNISH NO INFORMATION IMPLICATING MC COY. NO PRESS INFORMATION GIVEN CONCERNING MC COY BY BUREAU.

RESULTS OF CRIME SCENE SEARCH ABOARD UNITED AIRLINES FLIGHT EIGHT FIVE FIVE FURNISHED FBI LAB THIS DATE BY AIRLINE COURIER.

COMMANDER UTAH AIR NATIONAL GUARD STATES NO AIRCRAFT UNDER HIS JURISDICTION IN THE MORONI AREA ON NIGHT OF APRIL SEVEN. HELICOPTER SPOTED IN THIS VICINITY DURING EVENING HOURS, HOWEVER, TO DATE CRAFT NOT LOCATED AND NO INFORMATION DEVELOPED TO DEFINITELY CONNECT THIS WITH HIJACKING.

OFFICIALS UTAH AIR NATIONAL GUARD WHO ARE BOTH [REDACTED] AND

[REDACTED] UP D T NESSARILY OCCUR AT PRECISE TIME b7C

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BELIEVED BY PILOT OF HIJACKED AIRCRAFT BUT COULD HAVE OCCURRED AT THAT OR SUBSEQUENT TIME PRIOR TO SEARCH OF AIRCRAFT BY CREW WHILE AIRCRAFT IN THE AIR.

AFTER LEAVING SALT LAKE OFFICE AFTER INTERVIEW, MC COY PLACED UNDER SURVEILLANCE; HOWEVER, NOTHING PERTINENT THUS FAR.

DUE INTENSE INTEREST THIS CASE, NEWS MEDIA VARIOUS PARTS COUNTRY PRESENT SINCE EARLY STAGES, HAVE HOUNDED OFFICERS AND FBI PERSONNEL ON SCENE. FBI STATEMENT LIMITED TO THE OBVIOUS, NAMELY, MATTER UNDER INVESTIGATION, SEARCH OF LOGICAL AREAS BEING CONDUCTED AND LEADS BEING WORKED OUT. HAVE NOT AMPLIFIED ON STATEMENT ALTHOUGH MANY REQUESTS TO DO SO. NUMEROUS STATEMENTS ATTRIBUTED LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, FBI, WHICH ARE MOSTLY SPECULATION ON PART NEWS MEDIA; NONE MADE BY FBI PERSONNEL. SEVERAL BELIEVED COME FROM NEWS MEDIA MONITORING FAA AIR TRAFFIC SINCE THEY REPORTED ROUTE OF HIJACKED PLANE ON FAA AIRWAYS.

BASED ON ANTICIPATED INVESTIGATIVE WORK FORTHCOMING TWO WEEKS, SALT LAKE REQUESTING ASSIGNMENT OF EIGHT AGENTS FROM OTHER OFFICES, DESIGNATED BY BUREAU BASED ON BUREAU'S KNOWLEDGE WORK LOAD.

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LEADS

BUREAU REQUESTED APPROVE CODE WORD "SALJAK" FOR USE THIS CASE. SU INDICES NEGATIVE. ADVISE ALL OFFICES IF APPROVED.

BUREAU IS REQUESTED TO FURNISH ARTISTS CONCEPTION BEING PREPARED TO ALL OFFICES WITH LEADS TO SHOW TO PARACHUTE CLUBS, MILITARY AIR RESERVE UNITS AND NATIONAL GUARD UNITS.

FBI LAB REQUESTED FURNISH PHOTOGRAPHIC COPIES OF EVIDENCE SUBMITTED TO THE BUREAU BY SPECIAL COURIER ON APRIL EIGHT INSTANT.

LAS VEGAS. ADVISE NUMBER OF CHUTES RECOVERED AND MAKE AND MODEL OF RADIO TRANSMITTER SO DISPOSITION OF ALL CHUTES UNSUB CAN BE ASCERTAINED AND SOURCE OF RADIO DETERMINED. SET OUT APPROPRIATE LEADS TO DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT THESE RADIOS MIGHT BE TRACED TO PARTICULAR PERSON.

SAN FRANCISCO. OBTAIN RANSOM LIST OF KNOWN SERIAL NUMBERED BILLS GIVEN TO HIJACKER OF UNITED AIRLINES FLIGHT EIGHT FIVE FIVE, APRIL SEVEN LAST AT SAN FRANCISCO, AND FURNISH BUREAU FOR DISTRIBUTION TO OTHER OFFICES. ASCERTAIN DEBOARDING PROCEDURES OF HIJACKED AIRCRAFT IN SAN FRANCISCO IN EFFORT TO FURTHER DEVELOP INFORMATION CONCERNING POSSIBLE ALIAS OF HIJACKER [REDACTED]

RATHER THAN [REDACTED]

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SEATTLE. REVIEW NORJAK FILE FOR SUSPECTS IT HAS UNDER INVESTIGATION OR ELIMINATED FOR COMPARISON WITH DESCRIPTION THIS CASE.

SALT LAKE CITY. AT OGDEN, UTAH. IDENTIFY [REDACTED] b7C
TELEPHONE [REDACTED] WHO DEPARTED
SALT LAKE APRIL SEVEN LAST ON UNITED AIRLINES FLIGHT FOUR SIX
ZERO TO DENVER.

CONTACT HILL AFB, OGDEN, AIR RESCUE SQUAD TO DETERMINE IF THIS GROUP MAY HAVE HAD A HELICOPTER IN FOUNTAIN GREEN, UTAH, AREA ON APRIL THREE AND SEVEN.

AT OGDEN, PROVO, AND SALT LAKE. CHECK AGENCIES WHICH RENT HELICOPTERS FOR RENTAL OF AIRCRAFT ON APRIL THREE AND SEVEN.

AT SALT LAKE CITY. VERIFY SKIING ACCIDENT OF SUSPECT MC COY AT BYU HEALTH CENTER, AND DETERMINE NATURE AND DEGREE OF INJURY.

AT MANTI, UTAH. REINTERVIEW SAN PETE COUNTY SHERIFF GRANT LARSON TO CLARIFY REPORTED SITING OF SMALL HELICOPTER IN FOUNTAIN GREEN AREA ON APRIL THREE AND SEVEN LAST. ASCERTAIN IDENTITIES OF PERSONS SITING HELICOPTER AND INTERVIEW.

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REVIEW RECORDS OF TAPE OR RECORDED INFORMATION IF SUCH IS MAINTAINED BY FAA TRAFFIC ROUTE CONTROLLER FOR FURTHER DETAILS OF RADIOED TRANSMISSION ON HIJACKED AIRCRAFT SO DIRECTIONS AND TIMES PERTINENT TO THE HIJACKING CAN BE CHECKED TO FURTHER PINPOINT AREA SUBJECT JUMPED.

CONTACT FAA AND REVIEW PILOT LICENSES IN STATE OF UTAH NOTING SUBJECT APPEARS TO HAVE HAD PILOT TRAINING. CONSIDER THIS INVESTIGATION FOR OTHER OFFICES AT LATER TIME.

INTERVIEW MEMBERS OF ALTA JUMP CLUB FOR INFORMATION AS TO POSSIBLE SUSPECTS.

COVER DISCREPANCIES IN SUSPECT MC COY'S STATEMENTS. SINCE MC COY BELIEVED NOT TO OWN HIS OWN CHUTE, ASCERTAIN IF UTAH NATIONAL GUARD OR OTHER INSTALLATIONS WHO SUPPLY CHUTES, HAVE A SHORTAGE.

GET TOLL CALL RECORD OF MC COY'S TELEPHONE RE ANY CALLS MADE TO DENVER ON PERTINENT DATES.

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LOS ANGELES. FORWARD PHOTOGRAPHS OF MC COY TO DENVER
FOR DISPLAY TO TICKET SELLER. NOTED HIJACKER APPARENTLY BOUGHT
TICKET IN DENVER THREE THIRTYONE SEVENTYTWO.
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI *BIM*
SAC, SALT LAKE CITY *CSB* *cu*

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (164-NEW)

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UNSUB, AKA, [REDACTED] UNITED AIRLINES FLIGHT
EIGHT FIVE FIVE, DENVER TO LOS ANGELES, APRIL SEVEN,
LAST, CAA DASH HIJACKING.

RE LOS ANGELES TELEPHONE CALL TO SALT LAKE ~~CA~~
APRIL EIGHT, INSTANT.

LAYOUT OF PHOTOGRAPHS CONTAINING MC COY'S EXHIBITED
TO [REDACTED] STEWARDESSES [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] AND PASSENGERS [REDACTED]

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WITHOUT POSITIVE IDENTIFICATION OF HIJACKER. WITNESSES
OBSERVED HIJACKER WITH FALSE WIG AND MOUSTACHE, AND FIND
PHOTOGRAPHIC IDENTIFICATION VERY DIFFICULT. IT APPEARS
MC COY COULD BE POSSIBLE SUSPECT IF APPROPRIATELY DISGUISED.
ARTIST CONCEPTION BEING PREPARED BY BUREAU PERSONNEL.

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[REDACTED] AND [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] CONTACTED BUT DID NOT OBSERVE SUBJECT.

WITNESSES INTERVIEWED STATE SUBJECT HAD BLUE EYES WITH SHORT FINGERS, DIRTY FINGERNAILS WHICH WERE BITTEN DOWN VERY FAR, WEARING BAND-AID ON LEFT CHEEK. PRIOR TO JUMP SUBJECT WEARING DARK COLORED FLYING OR JUMP SUIT, LIKE COVERALL, DARK CRASH HELMET, MAYBE BLACK WITH SMALL LIGHT VERTICAL STRIP MIDDLE LOWER BACK EDGE.

EFFORTS TO EXHIBIT MC COY'S PHOTOGRAPH TO FLIGHT

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[REDACTED], WHO DEPLANED AT SAN FRANCISCO, AS WELL AS A LOS ANGELES BASED UNITED AIRLINES DEADHEADING CREW MEMBERS ON INSTANT FLIGHT,

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] WHO WAS BASED IN HONOLULU, WERE NEGATIVE DUE TO UNAVAILABILITY. [REDACTED] HAD

LITTLE OPPORTUNITY TO OBSERVE HIJACKER AND CONSIDERED POOR WITNESS.

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[REDACTED] WILL BE EXHIBITED MC COY PHOTOS AND ARTIST CONCEPTION UPON RETURN TO HIS HOME

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AT ONTARIO, CALIFORNIA.

PHOTOGRAPHS MC COY BEING FURNISHED SAN FRANCISCO
BY COURIER THIS DATE FOR EXHIBIT TO
AT SAN QUENTIN PRISON. b7C

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to b7C

LOS ANGELES CONTINUING EFFORTS TO EXHIBIT MC COY
PHOTOS AND ARTIST CONCEPTION TO ABOVE MENTIONED WITNESSES.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC LOS ANGELES (164-new)

DATE: 4/8/72

FROM: SA [REDACTED] b7C

SUBJECT: UNSUB; aka [REDACTED] United Airlines Flight 855, Denver To Los Angeles, April 7, 1972
CAA-Hijacking b7C

b7C [REDACTED] passenger, captioned Flight, advised he is staying at Airport Marina Hotel, 8601 Lincoln until A.M. ~~March~~ April 9, 1972.

[REDACTED] has permanent residence at [REDACTED] b7C
[REDACTED] Colorado and has been interviewed, BuAgents, San Francisco.

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*contacted 2nd +
will be escorted to airport
by [REDACTED] (MRJ)*

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES

DATE: 4/8/72

FROM : SA [REDACTED] b7C

SUBJECT: UNSUBS: CRIME ABOARD AIRCRAFT
UNITED AIRLINES HIJACKING, 3/7/72
FLIGHT NUMBER EIGHT FIVE FIVE.
CAA HIJACKING: EXTORTION

[REDACTED] Commerce City, Colorado,
advised she was on board the hijacked aircraft, and was
interviewed by Special Agents in San Francisco, California.
The San Francisco Agents told [REDACTED] to keep the Bureau b7C
advised of her location. [REDACTED] furnished the following
information:

Long Beach International Inn
2595 Long Beach Blvd & Willow
Room [REDACTED]
426-7611

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Person who will know whereabouts of [REDACTED]:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] is repossessing a pickup in Long Beach,
and will drive it back to Denver on 3/9/72.

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TO DIRECTOR

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SAN FRANCISCO

FROM NEWARK (164-NEW) 2P

UNSUBS; CRIME ABOARD AIRCRAFT - HIJACKING UNITED AIRLINES FLIGHT
NUMBER EIGHT FIVE FIVE. CAA HIJACKING; EXTORTION.

RE BUTELCALL TO NEWARK APRIL SEVEN, SEVENTY TWO, DENVER
CALL TO NEWARK AND NEWARK TELCALLS TO SACRAMENTO, LOS ANGELES, DENVER
AND NEW YORK.

FOLLOWING LISTED INDIVIDUALS WERE TICKETED FROM NEWARK TO LOS
ANGELES, CAL. ON UAL FLIGHT EIGHT FIVE FIVE, APRIL SEVEN, SEVENTY TWO:

[REDACTED] SEAT NUMBER [REDACTED] CONTACT NUMBER [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] THIS NUMBER LISTED TO

[REDACTED] CAIRO, NY. b7C

[REDACTED] (SPELLING AS FURNISHED BY DENVER) SEAT NUMBER

[REDACTED] INVESTIGATION AT NEWARK AIR-

PORT REFLECTS THIS TICKET PURCHASED IN NAME OF [REDACTED]

PURCHASED ELEVEN AM, APRIL SEVEN, SEVENTY TWO WITH AMERICAN EXPRESS

CARD NUMBER [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] A X. NO CONTACT NUMBER GIVEN.

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[REDACTED] ADDRESS LISTED [REDACTED] FOUNTAIN
VALLEY, CAL. FORMER ADDRESS [REDACTED]
FOUNTAIN VALLEY, CAL. BUSINESS ADDRESS [REDACTED] SANTA
ANA, CAL., AGE [REDACTED], WIFE [REDACTED] IN GOOD STANDING WITH
AMERICAN EXPRESS.

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[REDACTED] SEAT NUMBER [REDACTED] CONTACT NUMBER [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] (RESIDENCE); BOOKED FLIGHT THREE
WOODLAND TRAVEL AGENCY FOUR ONE FIVE MAIN ST., WOODLAND, CAL.

LOS ANGELES SACRAMENTO NEW YORK IMMEDIATELY IDENTIFY ABOVE
INDIVIDUALS TO OBTAIN BACKGROUND INFO.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS

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DL#: B1925880* NAME: [REDACTED]

B/D: [REDACTED] *ADD: [REDACTED] 106 ANGELES *SS: [REDACTED]

DL#: R0252466* NAME: [REDACTED]

B/D: [REDACTED] *ADD: [REDACTED] 106 POC *

DL#: R074145* NAME: [REDACTED] *

B/D: [REDACTED] *ADD: [REDACTED] SHERMAN OAKS *

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DL#: B1925880* NAME: [REDACTED]

B/D: [REDACTED] *ADD: [REDACTED] LOS ANGELES *SS: [REDACTED]

DL#: R0252466* NAME: [REDACTED]

B/D: [REDACTED] *ADD: [REDACTED] POMPOC *

DL#: R0741457* NAME: [REDACTED] *

B/D: [REDACTED] *ADD: [REDACTED] SHERMAN OAKS *

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DATE: 04-08-72* TIME: 08:23*

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INDEX NO: X1069554 NO CAL D/L*E/D: [REDACTED] NAME: [REDACTED] *ADDR: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] SANTA ANA 00000*EFF: 08-18-71*

NONE
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
SAC, SAN FRANCISCO
SAC, DENVER

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (164-NEW)

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UNSUB; AKA, [REDACTED] UNITED AIRLINES FLIGHT EIGHT
FIVE FIVE, DENVER TO LOS ANGELES, APRIL SEVEN, LAST, CAA
DASH HIJACKING.

RE NEWARK AND SAN FRANCISCO TELETYPES TO BUREAU APRIL
EIGHT, INSTANT.

REFERENCED NEWARK TELETYPE REQUESTED LOS ANGELES
OBTAIN BACKGROUND INFO REGARDING [REDACTED]

SEAT NUMBER [REDACTED]

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TICKET PURCHASED IN NAME OF [REDACTED] FOUNTAIN
VALLEY, CALIFORNIA.

REFERENCED SAN FRANCISCO TELETYPE INDICATES ALL
PASSENGERS INTERVIEWED EXCEPTION OF SUBJECT [REDACTED]

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LOS ANGELES INDICES NEGATIVE REGARDING [REDACTED]
AND [REDACTED].

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UACB, NO FURTHER ATTEMPTS TO OBTAIN BACKGROUND INFO
REGARDING [REDACTED] IN LIEU OF SAN FRANCISCO INTERVIEW
OF PASSENGERS. -P-

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345 AM IMMEDIATE 4-8-72 MRS

TO DIRECTOR

DENVER

LOS ANGELES

SACRAMENTO

SALT LAKE CITY

SAN FRANCISCO

FROM NEW YORK 164- NEW

UNSUBS, CRIME ABOARD AIRCRAFT - HIJACKING UNITED AIRLINES
FLIGHT NUMBER EIGHT FIVE FIVE - CAA HIJACKING
EXTORTION

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RE NEWARK TEL FOUR EIGHT SEVENTY TWO

AS REQUESTED BY NEWARK BACKGROUND SET FORTH RE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AKA [REDACTED] SEAT NUMBER [REDACTED]

NYC INDICES NEGATIVE. NO CRIMINAL RECORD CAIRO, N.Y.

EMPLOYED NURSE, [REDACTED] NEW YORK. PRIOR

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EMPLOYMENT [REDACTED] OMAHA, NEBRASKA FOR SHORT DURATION AND

PRIOR TO THAT EMPLOYED AT [REDACTED] ALBANY FOR LONG

DURATION. RESIDES [REDACTED]

CAIRO, N.Y., AND NATIVE OF CATSKILL AREA. AGE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] HAS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ALMONON LINDS, CALIF., [REDACTED]

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FUSELAGE AND FLEW IN CIRCLES OVER AREA BEFORE AND AFTER
JUMP. PLANE NOT FURTHER IDENTIFIED. PARACHUTES DESCRIBED
AS ONE RED AND ONE MEDIUM DARK COLORED. DESCRIPTION
OF PARACHUTISTS UNKNOWN.

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COULD PROVIDE NO FURTHER INFORMATION.

ABOVE SUBMITTED FOR INFORMATION SALT LAKE DIVISION.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI *Lee*
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SAC, SALT LAKE CITY *CNK*

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (164-NEW)

UNSUB, AKA, ██████████ UNITED AIRLINES FLIGHT EIGHT
FIVE FIVE, DENVER TO LOS ANGELES, APRIL SEVEN, LAST.
CAA DASH HIJACKING.

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APARTMENT ██████████ LOS ANGELES, TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED
THIS DATE HE WAS SKIING AT ALTA, UTAH, SATURDAY, APRIL
ONE, LAST, AND ON LEAVING SKI AREA OBSERVED TWO PARACHUTES
JUMP FROM AIRPLANE IN AREA BETWEEN INTERSTATE FIFTEEN AND
ROAD LEADING TO LITTLE COTTONWOOD CANYON. AREA DESCRIBED
AS WEST OF ABOVE CANYON, NORTH OF PROVO, UTAH, AND SOUTH
OF SALT LAKE CITY. ABOVE OBSERVED BETWEEN TWO FIFTEEN P.M.
AND TWO FORTY FIVE P.M.

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PLANE DESCRIBED AS SINGLE ENGINE WITH WING ABOVE

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FOUR AGENTS BEING SENT BY DENVER AND TWO BY SAN FRANCISCO
AS WELL AS TWO FROM LOS ANGELES PER INSTRUCTIONS OF
ASSISTANT TO DIRECTOR JOHN MOHR.

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Date: 4/8/72

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI ^{TJT} ATTN: MOVEMENT UNIT
 SALT LAKE CITY ^{LSB}
 FROM LOS ANGELES (164-NEW)

UNSUB; AKA, [REDACTED] UNITED AIRLINES FLIGHT
 EIGHT FIVE FIVE DENVER TO LOS ANGELES, APRIL SEVEN,
 LAST; CAA-HIJACKING. b7C

RE BUTEL CALL TO LOS ANGELES APRIL EIGHT,
 INSTRUCTING TWO LOS ANGELES AGENTS TO REPORT TO
 SALT LAKE CITY FOR ASSISTANCE THIS INVESTIGATION.

SA'S [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] WILL b7C
 ARRIVE SALT LAKE CITY TEN TWELVE A.M. APRIL NINE
 VIA WESTERN AIRLINES FLIGHT FIVE SIX ZERO.

NOT TO BE TRANSMITTED

ABOVE AGENTS BEING SENT TO SALT LAKE PER TELEPHONIC
 INSTRUCTIONS FROM SUPERVISOR [REDACTED], GENERAL b7C
 INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION AT BUREAU, RECEIVED FIVE
 FIVE ZERO P.M. APRIL EIGHT, LAST. [REDACTED] ADVISED

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES

DATE: 4/8/72

FROM : SA [redacted] b7C

SUBJECT: UNSUB; aka [redacted] b7C
United Airlines Flight 855
Denver to Los Angeles,
April 7, 1972
CAA - HIJACKING

RE Bureau telephone call to LA, 4/8/72.

Bureau Supervisor [redacted] telephonically advised at 5:58 PM today that the BUREAU has approved through [redacted] office, the temporary assignment of two Los Angeles agents to the Salt Lake Division to work on captioned matter. He advised that Denver Div. is sending four men and the San Francisco is sending two. b7C

b7C [redacted] advised the Bureau and Salt Lake should be advised of the identity, their itinerary and the time of arrival at Salt Lake, by teletype. Assignment is for one week.

ASAC advised 6:15 PM. AT 6:27 PM ASAC requested [redacted] Squad 12, and [redacted] Squad 17 be assigned per above.

SA [redacted] advised 6:35 PM by SA [redacted]
SA [redacted] advised 6:35 by SA [redacted]

b7C SA [redacted] obtained reservations on Western #560 departing LAX 7:45 am, 4/9/72, arriving SLK 10:15 am SLK time.

SA [redacted] was advised of above reservations by SA [redacted]
ASAC notified 7:45 am regarding above flight arrangements by SA [redacted]

4-9-72 5:32 a.m. [redacted] Bureau, Div. 6, called and said to notify SAs [redacted] and [redacted] not to go to Salt Lake. Called both immediately and told them trip cancelled. b7C

ASAC advised 6:15 PM /WES

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[redacted] also requested that I call San Fran.
to tell them that S.F. SA's [redacted] and [redacted]
[redacted] do not go to Salt Lake now.

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Called [redacted] at S.F. and gave him this
info. and he said he would notify [redacted] and [redacted]
not to go.

SA [redacted]

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (164-580)

DATE: 4/10/72

FROM : ^{WDR} SA [REDACTED] b7C

SUBJECT: RICHARD FLOYD MC COY, JR.
CAA - HIJACKING; IWFCM
OO: Salt Lake City

On 4/8/72, SA [REDACTED] received an envelope from [REDACTED] in the Los Angeles FBI Office. This envelope contained six photographs of captioned individual showing MC COY in a front view and side view angle. b7C

SA [REDACTED] transported this envelope containing these photographs to the Los Angeles International Airport, where he personally requested [REDACTED] PSA, Flight 721, to transport this envelope to San Francisco, California, where they would be intercepted by SA [REDACTED] of the San Francisco Office. [REDACTED] advised that he would be happy to assist the FBI in this matter and so the envelope was given to [REDACTED] b7C

[REDACTED] further advised that Flight 721 would leave Los Angeles at 7:00 pm, on instant date, and arrive at the San Francisco Airport at 7:55 pm. b7C

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4:52 AM URGENT 4/9/72 FCO

TO: DIRECTOR

SALT LAKE CITY (164-36)

LOS ANGELES

SACRAMENTO

DENVER (164-120)

LAS VEGAS (164-72)

FROM: SAN FRANCISCO (164-NEW) 1P

UNSUB; UAL FLIGHT EIGHT FIVE FIVE, DENVER TO LOS ANGELES, APRIL SEVEN, LAST, CAA - HIJACKING 00: SU.

ON APRIL NINE INSTANT, A PHOTOGRAPH OF A RICHARD F. MC COY, JR., ALONG WITH SIX OTHER PHOTOGRAPHS WERE DISPLAYED TO SAN QUENTIN

[REDACTED] BY SA [REDACTED]
AT WHICH TIME [REDACTED] IDENTIFIED MC COY AS THE HIJACKER OF
CAPTIONED AIRCRAFT. [REDACTED] STATED THAT MC COY WAS DEFINITELY
THE HIJACKER, HOWEVER, AT THE TIME THE HIJACKING TOOK PLACE [REDACTED]
STATED THAT MCCOY WAS WEARING A WIG.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

SF PRESENTLY DISPLAYING PHOTOGRAPH OF MC COY AND SIMILAR
PHOTOGRAPHS TO CALIF., PENAL SYSTEM [REDACTED] IN ATTEMPT
TO VERIFY IDENTIFICATION OF HIJACKER. b7C

SF WILL KEEP BUREAU AND OTHER INTERESTED OFFICES ADVISED.

UNSUB; CONSIDERED ARMED AND EXTREMELY DANGEROUS.

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7:26AM URGENT 9-9-72 RAS

TO: DIRECTOR

SALT LAKE CITY (164-36)

LOS ANGELES

SACRAMENTO

DENVER (164-120)

LAS VEGAS (164-72)

FROM: SAN FRANCISCO (164-NEW)

UNSUB; UAL FLIGHT NUMBER EIGHT FIVE FIVE, DENVER TO LOS ANGELES, APRIL SEVEN LAST, CAA - HIJACKING.

OO: SALT LAKE CITY

b7C SACRAMENTO DIVISION ADVISED THIS DATE THAT CALIFORNIA PENAL SYSTEM [REDACTED] WAS NO LONGER IN THE SACRAMENTO AREA AND HAD TRAVELED TO ONTARIO, CALIFORNIA.

b7C LOS ANGELES DIVISION NOTIFIED AND PRESENTLY ATTEMPTING TO CONTACT [REDACTED] TO DISPLAY PHOTOGRAPH OF RICHARD F. MC COY, SUSPECT IN CAPTIONED HIJACKING FOR POSITIVE IDENTIFICATION PURPOSES.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

RE SF TEL TO BUREAU, SU, LA, SC, DN, AND LV, FOUR NINE INSTANT, CAPTIONED AS ABOVE.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (164-New)

DATE: 4/9/72

FROM : SA [REDACTED] b7C -P-

SUBJECT: UNSUB, aka [REDACTED] b7C
United Airlines Flight 855
Denver to Los Angeles
4/7/72
CAA - HIJACKING

12:45 A.M.

Bureau Supervisor [REDACTED] Division 6, Extension [REDACTED] called and advised the FBI Lab has identified some handwriting of suspect RICHARD F. MC COY, JR. and, therefore, MC COY has now become the prime suspect and leads are to be handled on an urgent expedite basis. He mentioned that steps are being taken to obtain search warrants so MC COY can be checked out thoroughly. He stressed that the two witnesses, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] must be shown MC COY'S photograph in a spread immediately. He referred to Los Angeles teletype of 4/8/72, 7:28 P.M., which stated that [REDACTED] would be shown MC COY'S picture when he returned to his home in Ontario, California. He advised the Bureau wants it shown to him now in Sacramento.

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12:50 A.M.

Called [REDACTED] Night Supervisor, Sacramento Division, and determined they have not received MC COY'S photograph yet but had been in contact with [REDACTED]

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12:55 A.M.

Called [REDACTED] Night Supervisor, San Francisco Division, and advised him the Bureau wants MC COY'S photo shown to [REDACTED] at San Quentin at once. They have MC COY'S photo already.

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Meanwhile SA [REDACTED] had called Los Angeles International Airport and determined the earliest flight to Sacramento would be United Airlines Flight 460, departing Los Angeles at 7:00 A.M. and arriving Sacramento at 8:05 A.M.

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1:30 A.M.

Talked to SA [REDACTED] San Francisco Division, again

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and he advised he had contacted San Quentin and learned that [redacted] and can only be contacted at this time of day through authority of the Warden. [redacted] stated b7C he would call [redacted] at the Bureau to see if the Bureau wanted the Warden waked up. I asked him to advise [redacted] when he called that the earliest flight from Los Angeles to Sacramento departs at 7:00 A.M. and to find out if the Bureau would want San Francisco to take MC COY'S photo to Sacramento now by car as it would be quicker than if we sent it by plane.

2:15 A.M.

Talked to [redacted] again at San Francisco. [redacted] said he talked to [redacted] at the Bureau and the Bureau said for them to wake up the Warden and also for San Francisco to take MC COY'S photo direct to Sacramento by car to contact [redacted] as soon as possible. [redacted] said he was dispatching an SA to do this and the SA would probably meet SA [redacted] of the Sacramento Division to show the photo to [redacted] in a spread. b7C

2:25 A.M.

Talked to Bureau Supervisor [redacted] again. Advised him I had been in contact with San Francisco. [redacted] verified he had talked to [redacted] and that San Francisco is handling both leads (theirs and would take photo also to Sacramento). b7C

2:30 A.M.

Called SAC CALAME, Salt Lake City Division, and advised him of all of the above facts re showing MC COY'S photo to witnesses [redacted] and [redacted] (SAC CALAME was in the office). b7C

San Francisco and Sacramento Divisions were both advised to telephone results of showing MC COY'S photo to the Bureau and Salt Lake, as per the Bureau.

Supervisor [redacted] advised of all of above information, and he advised he would keep SAC GRAPP advised as to developments. b7C
LATER ADDITIONS:

3:39 A.M.

[redacted] San Francisco, called again. [redacted] made positive identification of MC COY. [redacted] stated he has already called the Bureau and Salt Lake and advised them of this identification. b7C

4:47 A.M.

[redacted] Sacramento, called again. They made contact with [redacted] Supervisor of witness [redacted] and determined he left area earlier than expected, leaving 7:00 P.M., 4/8/72, on a plane. b7C

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[] advised [] said [] should be at home by now:

Residence

[]
Ontario, Calif.
tel. (714) []

b7C

4:59 A.M.

Called [] at residence. [] advised he would remain at home until contacted by Bureau Agents.

Called [] Duty Agent, Riverside. He doesn't have MC COY'S photo.

Called [] Santa Ana RA. He has photos of MC COY. Arranged with [] and [] to meet at Ontario and show MC COY'S photo in a spread and to call Los Angeles Office as soon as get answer from [] so the Bureau, Salt Lake can be advised.

[] will be in car 270. [] will be in car 265.

6:23 A.M.

[] SA, Salt Lake City Division, called to advised subject MC COY in custody there (Provo) and his home to be searched as soon as search warrant can be obtained. Advised him Bureau and Salt Lake will be advised of results of showing MC COY'S photo to [] as soon as accomplished.

b7C

6:35 A.M.

Called Supervisor [] and advised him of all the above facts. He advised he will furnish information to SAC GRAPP.

7:05 A.M.

Called ASAC DE BRULER and brought him up to date on all the above.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (164-New)

DATE: 4/9/72

FROM : SA [REDACTED] b7C

SUBJECT: UNSUB., aka [REDACTED] b7C
United Airlines Flight 855
Denver to Los Angeles
4/7/72
CAA - Hijacking

8:50 a.m.

LA placed phone call to [REDACTED] Division 6.

Bureau. Supervisor [REDACTED] SAs [REDACTED]

b7C

[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were on conference line on this call. Results of SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] interview with [REDACTED] was discussed with the Bureau. [REDACTED] unable to identify photograph of RICHARD F. MC COY, JR. [REDACTED] never saw Hijacker without his disguise.

9:10 a.m.

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LA placed phone call to SAC, RUSSELL P. CALAME, Salt Lake City. Supervisor [REDACTED] told CALAME the results of interview with [REDACTED] Supv. [REDACTED] suggested that Salt Lake send photos of Mc COY to Denver to be displayed to ticket seller, UAL, Denver. CALAME will handle.

CALAME was told that the Bureau Artist is in LA and photo of Mc COY was to be enlarged and moustache, long hair and beard would be added to Mc Coy's photo before being displayed to airline personnel. CALAME agreed. Call monitored by

b7C

SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

9:20 a.m.

Supv. [REDACTED] called SA [REDACTED] instructed SA [REDACTED] to use photographs of Mc Coy in connection with making artist sketch due to long hair, moustache and beard that McCoy was wearing. Bureau artist with SA [REDACTED] later this date. Enlarged photos will be shown to UAL employees.

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9:43 a.m.

[REDACTED] contacted re enlargement of photos of Mc COY. [REDACTED] to handle.

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11:15 a.m.

SA [REDACTED] called in advising his location in radio car.

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LA 164-NEW

11:45 a.m.

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SA [] called in and placed in contact with Supv. []
[] concerning interview with [] and teletype
6. K.'d by []

12:55p.m.

ASAC DE BRRULER ~~RRR~~ briefed in this matter.

1:05 p.m.

Supv. [] contacted re Salt Lake City teletype
to send photographs to Denver. SA [] to handle.

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1:25 p.m. contact made via radio with SA []

1:50 p.m. SA [] contacted re photos to Denver.

2:55 p.m. photos ~~by~~ of McCoy picked up by SA []

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1:45 PM URGENT 4/9/72 ACJ

TO SAC, DENVER

SAC, LOS ANGELES

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Los Angeles

DATE: 4/10/72

FROM : SA [REDACTED] b7C

SUBJECT: Richard Floyd McCoy
Crime aboard Aircraft-Hijacking
Interference with flight crew members
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At 5:15 PM on this date SA [REDACTED] of the Denver office was advised that photographs were being sent to Denver aboard Continental flight #16 which was to arrive in Denver at 8:26 PM Denver time. The package was in the custody of [REDACTED] b7C
[REDACTED] Passenger in-flight service.

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RICHARD FLOYD MC COY, JR: CRIME ABOARD AIRCRAFT - HIJACKING;
Interference with
 FLIGHT CREW MEMBERS; OO: SALT LAKE CITY

[REDACTED] ONTARIO, CALIF., ADVISED TO DATE
 BOARDED UAL FLIGHT EIGHT FIVE FIVE, DENVER, COLO., APPROX.

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[REDACTED] ENROUTE LOS ANGELES, CALIF./ASSIGNED SEAT ON AISLE,
 ROW [REDACTED] PRIOR TO TAKE OFF, NOTICED STEWARDESS AND MALE
 AIRLINE EMPLOYEE ATTEMPTING TO GET PASSENGER TO LEAVE MEN'S
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 AND SAT ACROSS AISLE FROM [REDACTED] IN ROW TWENTY PRIOR TO
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THE FIRST TIME [REDACTED] OBSERVED THIS INDIVIDUAL
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DURING FLIGHT, [REDACTED] OBSERVED THAT THIS INDIVIDUAL HAD PUT ON ROUND MIRROR STYLE METAL FRAME SUN GLASSES AND ALSO SMALL PIECE OF FLESH COLORED TAPE ON RIGHT CHEEK. b7C

DURING FLIGHT, [REDACTED] TOLD [REDACTED] THIS INDIVIDUAL LOOKED AND ACTING SUSPICIOUS. [REDACTED] THOUGHT AT FIRST, THIS WAS RUSE ON PART OF PRISONER TO DIVERT HIS ATTENTION SINCE [REDACTED]. b7C

[REDACTED] NEVER OBSERVED THIS INDIVIDUAL WITHOUT BLACK MOD STYLE HAIR OR MUSTACHE. b7C

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BUREAU ARTIST CURRENTLY IN LOS ANGELES IS PREPARING PHOTOGRAPH OF SUBJECT INCLUDING MUSTACHE AND MOD HAIR STYLE AS DESCRIBED BY WITNESSES.

SALT LAKE CITY CONTACT USA TO DETERMINE ADVISABILITY OF DISPLAYING PHOTOGRAPHS BEING PREPARED TO FLIGHT CREW, [REDACTED] AND OTHER WITNESSES. b7C

SUBJECTS PHOTO BEING FURNISHED DENVER BY SPECIAL COURIER TODAY.

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PILOT'S ACCOUNT

Hijacker Dropped 'Beeper' Chutes as Possible Decoys

BY JOHN KUMBULA

Times Staff Writer

The pilot of the hijacked United Air Lines jetliner said Saturday that the skyjacker dropped two beeper-equipped parachutes over Nevada, apparently in an attempt to throw off chase planes.

Capt. Jerry Hearn, 44, told a Los Angeles International Airport news conference the unidentified skyjacker may have used his own parachute to make the 14,000-foot leap over Provo, Utah.

Hearn and four of his five-member crew met with newsmen at an airport lounge after their return from Salt Lake City.

The pilot, who has 17 years of commercial flying experience, said the skyjacker appeared to have an "excellent knowledge of flying and jumping procedures . . . had some knowledge of planes and may have been a pilot."

Had Own Flight Plan

The skyjacker prepared his own flight plan, which he gave the crew to follow on the trip from San Francisco to Utah. The plane, originally on a flight from Newark, N.J., to Los Angeles, had been taken over by the pistol and hand grenade-wielding hijacker over Colorado and diverted to San Francisco, where the passengers were released in exchange for \$500,000 and four parachutes.

Hearn said the man also appeared to be familiar with the Utah terrain over which he jumped and disappeared with the \$500,000.

He said the skyjacker had specifically requested them to fly 14,000 feet above the ground and told them what ground speed to fly.

Pursuing planes were about three miles behind Friday night as the hijacked craft flew over Nevada and the skyjacker let the two bugged parachutes out. Throwing the chutes out might have been a decoy intended to put pursuing planes off the trail, Hearn said, and might also have led to erroneous reports that the hijacker had jumped over Nevada.

Hearn said copilot Ken Bradley of San Diego spotted the skyjacker still on the plane after the two parachutes had been released. Hearn framed the pursuing planes to let

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Hijack Suspect Held; \$500,000 Still Missing

**Ex-Helicopter Pilot and
Amateur Skydiver Seized
at Home in Provo, Utah**

Exclusive to The Times from a Staff Writer.

PROVO, Utah—An amateur skydiver and law enforcement student was arrested Sunday at his home here on suspicion of hijacking an airliner Friday and bailing out with \$500,000 cash ransom.

Richard Floyd McCoy Jr., 29, a former Vietnam helicopter pilot now a junior at Brigham Young University, was taken into custody by FBI agents who acted in part on the basis of clues furnished by his best friend and his sister-in-law.

The \$500,000 paid as ransom for 91 persons aboard a United Air Lines jet hijacked Friday on a flight from Denver to Los Angeles was still officially missing.

(Mount Clipping in Space Below)

But FBI agents who searched McCoy's home and rooted through a compost heap in the backyard seized three big boxes, a small box and two brown suitcases they said contained "evidence" in the case. They took the boxes to their headquarters in Salt Lake City.

Asked if the boxes contained the missing ransom, agents in Provo said, "No comment."

McCoy was arraigned before U.S. Magistrate A.M. Harrow in Salt Lake City. He was charged with air piracy and interfering with a flight crew during a commercial flight, which could carry a death sentence.

Held Without Bail

He was ordered held without bail, and a preliminary hearing was set for April 17 at Salt Lake City.

McCoy appeared calm throughout the arrest and arraignment procedure.

When newsmen asked if he had any comment, he said, "Well, it's embarrassing, let's face it."

FBI agents refused to discuss the case or disclose the nature of clues which led them to McCoy after one of the biggest land and air searches in recent history.

Other sources, however, revealed that it was McCoy's best friend and his sister-in-law who cast suspicion in his direction.

The best friend was identified as Utah Highway Patrolman Robert Van Ieperen, who said McCoy had

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them know the hijacker was ~~not~~ aboard.

The pilot said the hijacker ordered in San Francisco that his luggage in the baggage compartment be brought to him inside the plane's passenger compartment. Hearn said there might have been a parachute in the luggage.

On the flight to Salt Lake City, the crew was forced to stay in the cockpit. The gunman had the rest of the plane to himself.

Hearn said he never saw the man, who never came to the cockpit.

"There was practically no verbal communication with him. About 99% of his communication was in written messages," Hearn said.

Diane Surdam, 24, a stewardess for 4½ years, was the go-between who carried messages from the skyjacker to the pilot. She said she got the first message about five minutes after the plane had left Denver Friday afternoon.

Sent 10 Notes

She said about 10 notes were sent to the captain altogether. Most of them were neatly typewritten but some were handprinted and improvised to suit the situation.

She said the skyjacker wore gloves all the time he was on the plane. At the time he hijacked the plane, she said, he wore a false moustache and a wig. Before he bailed out through a rear door he had changed his appearance, she said. He had an oxygen mask on his face and a towel over his head.

The notes to the pilot told what he wanted, what had to be done and the consequences if his instructions were not followed, she said.

The notes he first presented indicated that destruction of the plane, the hijacker and everybody else would follow if his instructions were not followed," Mrs. Surdam said.

"I was excited and went right to the captain with the instructions. It is my duty to follow instruc-

tions, not to question them," she said.

Before he bailed out, the skyjacker demanded and got back all the correspondence he had sent to the pilot.

"He didn't leave anything on the plane," Hearn said.

"He seemed calm and methodical. He knew what he was doing but sometimes he got a little upset when things weren't moving the way he wanted," Mrs. Surdam said.

When he jumped, the man carried the \$500,000 loot with him in two medium-sized flight bags which weighed about 20 pounds each.

The pilot said he was "95% sure" the skyjacker jumped near Provo be-

cause about then there was a change in the plane's pressurization level indicating a door had been opened.

Hearn said publication of other successful hijackings may have been responsible for what happened to the UAL plane.

"Publicizing (these hijackings) makes it possible for others to analyze them and to repeat them," he said.

Meanwhile, a UAL spokesman declined comment on a published report that the hijacker may have intentionally left a manila envelope containing his weapons and typewritten notes at an airport counter to escape detection when he boarded the plane.

The unconfirmed report said the airline paged the owner of the envelope after passengers had been seated on the plane and the hijacker picked it up and returned to the plane without being checked.

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Strain Of Hijack Evident

They walked off the plane at Los Angeles International Airport tired, some dazed, a few carrying cocktails after a hijacker delayed them several hours in San Francisco en route from New Jersey to Los Angeles.

Most showed the strain of being held on the plane 3½ hours at San Francisco Airport under the watch of the swarthy hijacker armed with a hand grenade and pistol.

Mike Lucoff, Tarzana, seemed the least affected by the harrowing ordeal. He was met by his wife, Jane, and three children. They had spent the long hours napping at the airport here.

"It was quite an exciting event," Lucoff said. "It definitely was well planned. It all started 10 minutes out of Denver."

Lucoff said it appeared the moustachioed hijacker wore a black wig.

Francis Appell, 40, Torrance, said he was sitting directly in front of the hijacker.

"He (the hijacker) said absolutely nothing. A stewardess told me to move up front (after the hijacking was announced) and I ran like ~~hell~~ like."

Mrs. Alva Mosley, of 3837 Cherrywood Ave., a teacher at Ford Boulevard School in East Los Angeles, was returning from an international teachers conference in Denver.

She disputed reports that the hijacker had pre-written instructions for the pilot. "I saw him writing each time he gave a stewardess a note to carry forward to the pilot," she said.

"He (the hijacker) knew the plane well. Most people were calm. He never said a word, but the pilot told us he had several hand grenades and we should not talk back to him," Mrs. Mosley, who was embraced warmly by her husband when she debarked here, said.

David Quinn, a contract supervisor for Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, returning with another JPL employe, Bill Henry, complained mostly about lack of air-conditioning during the long wait on the ground in San Francisco.

Shortly after leaving Denver, Quinn said, he became suspicious when the pilot announced he was experiencing mechanical trouble.

"The hijacker was definitely clever. We all thought we'd be held aboard the plane since he had everything so well planned."

Sixty-three of the original 86 persons aboard the plane were ferried here on another United Air Lines plane shortly before midnight. All agreed it was a long day.

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"casually" discussed airplane hijacking with him and with several other persons not long ago.

Van Ieperen said he might not have remembered the discussion, but McCoy's sister-in-law had telephoned him twice — while the hijacking was actually in progress — to ask "if McCoy was on a mission of some sort."

And about 15 minutes after the hijacker had parachuted from the airliner, Van Ieperen said the woman called back and told him she was "scared to death" because McCoy had tried to get her to help him "on a hijacking."

A third clue was a note, handwritten by the hijacker and concealed by stewardess Diane Surdam, 24, when the man asked that all specimens of his handwriting be returned to him.

The hijacker had used pre-typed and improvised notes to communicate his instructions to pilot Jerry Hearn, 44, through Mrs. Surdam. He wore gloves and wanted all the notes back before he left the plane, but Mrs. Surdam kept one.

A spokesman at Brigham Young University said, FBI men had begun checking McCoy's records there Saturday, less than 24 hours after the hijacking. Other sources said his Army records had been checked for specimens of his handwriting and printing.

McCoy had served two tours of duty in Vietnam.

—one with Special Forces in 1964 and one as a helicopter pilot in 1967.

He first enrolled at the university in 1961 but dropped out to join the army. He reenrolled on a full-time basis last spring and university authorities said his grade record was a good one.

Kris Peters, 20, who sat next to McCoy in a police administration class last semester, said his ambition was "to make his dent on the world by uncovering organized crime."

"All last semester," she said, "he was very upset with the Mafia."

Kent Talbot, 16, of Provo, said McCoy taught Sunday school at a Mormon church for a month last year and "all he ever talked about was sin. He would ask us what last week's lesson was about — and we'd always say, 'Sin.'"

McCoy's father, retired Army M/Sgt. Richard F. McCoy Sr., 52, of Raleigh, N.C., stoutly maintained his son's innocence, saying "such a thing would not be consistent with the teachings of the church. I have to consider him innocent. I have to stand by him."

Later, however, he said, "I just don't know—war does funny things to people sometimes."

In Provo, McCoy's slender, blonde wife, Karen, was in seclusion in their home. Their two children, Chante, 5, and Richard, 2, were not seen.

Van Ieperen said McCoy had been discussing skydiving with him and several other persons weeks ago when the conversation turned to the similar parachute-escape carried out with apparent success five months ago by a man calling himself "D. B. Cooper" who collected \$200,000 from Northwest Airlines and then bailed out over the state of Washington.

He said McCoy believed it "would be possible for someone to hijack a plane by taking his own parachute along" instead of using those equipped with beeper units, which tripped up a similar attempt.

Van Ieperen said McCoy said at that time if he were to hijack an airplane he would ask for "about \$500,000" in ransom.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES

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FROM : SA [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: UNSUB.: CRIME ABOARD AIRCRAFT
UAL HIJACKING, 3/7/72
FLIGHT # 855
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At 12:20 AM the Salt Lake City Office (SA [REDACTED]) telephonically furnished the following information: (telephonically confirmed by Bureau Supr. [REDACTED] at 12:30 AM)

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Unknown Bureau Agent artist will arrive Los Angeles, 3/8/72,

(11:29AM (LA time) on American Airlines flight # 77 from Wash., DC.

Agent artist is to be met by LA agent and wait for arrival of Western Airlines flight # 411, scheduled to arrive Los Angeles at (12:35PM with crew from highjacked United Airlines plane for purpose of making up composite drawing of unsub.

United Airlines officials should be contacted prior to arrival of above planes and arrangements made for expeditious interviews of hijacked crew by agent artist.

Above callers advised that press will probably be on scene at time of arrival of hijacked crew and efforts should be made to interview crew before press.

Above callers added that LA Office will be advised of name of agent artist as soon as available.

Supr. [REDACTED] called again @ 3:30 AM and said artist agent's name was [REDACTED]



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Hijacker Was Cool, Passengers Report

BY DARYL LEMBKE and STANLEY O. WILLIFORD

Times Staff Writers

Just get me to the church on time, thought Louis Ogden. "I was mad because I was afraid I wasn't going to get to my son's wedding."

Ogden was on the Los Angeles-bound Boeing 727 hijacked Friday afternoon, and he was diverted along with 88 other United Airlines passengers—to San Francisco International Airport.

But he was safe. And he seemed likely to make the wedding.

Dr. Harry Huffaker, a Honolulu dentist, was homeward bound from a Colorado ski vacation with a friend, Miss Sandra Wilkinson, 25, a stewardess on holiday.

Few of their fellow passengers, they said, seemed aware of the odd courier service they were watching. "I knew there was a hijacking about 15 minutes after we took off (from Denver)," Miss Wilkinson said, "because of the stewardesses running back and forth."

They were carrying

messages, typed out in advance, between the hijacker's seat near the rear of the plane and the pilots' flight deck.

Miss Wilkinson called the gunman "real composed," and said he never threatened the passengers "or even talked to them."

Mickey Luckoff, sales manager of a San Francisco radio station, thought for a time that "two or three" hijackers were in command of the plane.

He got the impression because of the steady stream of hand-carried messages being taken to the cockpit by the stewardesses.

A Los Angeles schoolteacher, Mrs. Alma Moseley, never saw the hijacker, but she had to respect his decorum and organizational skill.

Mrs. Moseley said the gunman allowed passengers to use the rear restrooms, one at a time. Was she frightened? "No." But, she added, "they asked us not to look back at him—and I didn't."

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FBI Won't **Confirm** **Report**

PROVO, Utah — Police authorities here said today they have the "name" of a "suspect" in the \$500,000 parachute-hijacking of United Air Lines jet liner diverted from its Denver-Los Angeles flight.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation in Salt Lake City, in charge of the probe of yesterday's hijacking, refused to confirm the report, saying "we're trying to reach the Provo chief to see what he has in mind."

Provo Chief Jesse Evans told newsmen: "We have a suspect . . . there is a lead in the case."

First reports that an arrest was made apparently were in error as Provo police spokesmen said they have the name of the man whom they suspect was involved but that no one was in custody.

A ground and air posse of more than 200 men were scouring the mountains and canyons near here and set up road blocks in their search for the man who bailed out of the jet liner with \$500,000.

All 88 passengers and one stewardess from the New Jersey-to-Los Angeles Boeing 727 jet, were allowed to get off the commandeered craft at San Francisco last night where it was diverted on the last leg of the flight from Denver to Los Angeles.

The swarthy hijacker wearing mirrored dark glasses and carrying a pistol and hand grenade, then ordered the medium-range plane on a northeasterly flight with the pilot, co-pilot, engineer and two stewardesses aboard after four parachutes were loaded aboard along with two suitcases crammed with the ransom money in small bills.

Less than a half hour after takeoff, it was reported the hijacker jumped over Wilson Creek, Nev., near Ely in eastern Nevada. But apparently he dumped out one of the chutes as a diversionary tactic to mislead two Air Force F-106 jet chase planes.

The jetliner then steered a more northerly course toward Provo and the skyjacker jumped near Provo Airport.

Authorities here said the search is concentrating on two areas. One is Lake Utah a half-mile west of Provo Airport. The other is 20 miles north of here in rugged mountain country west of Lehigh where a woman resident reported seeing a parachute descend.

State, county, federal and city

lawmen in Utah and Juab Counties set up roadblocks as others searched the hills. Air Force planes dropped flares to illuminate dark canyons. The UAL jetliner continued to Salt Lake City where it landed and the pilot was debriefed along with co-pilot, Jerry Hearn, of Culver City, of K.R. Bradley and engineer K.W. Owen, and the two stew-
ardesses.

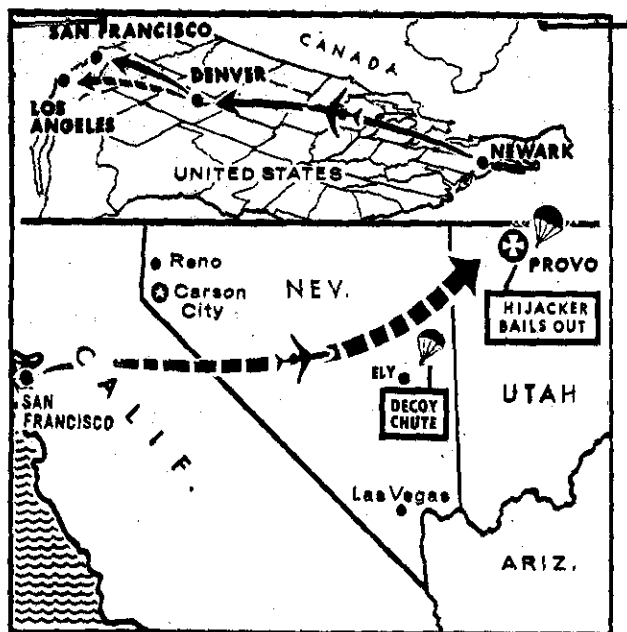
Roadblocks were set up on Interstate 15 running through Provo 35 miles south of Salt Lake, as well as most other major roads in the area.

The dapper skyjacker apparently boarded the three-engine plane in Denver and initiated his hijack 10 minutes after take-off ordering the plane to San Francisco.

There he demanded \$500,000 ransom in small bills along with four parachutes—two main chutes and two reserve parachutes indicating to lawmen initially there were at least two hijackers aboard. That assumption proved false, but passengers and authorities said the suspect appeared familiar with skydiving.

Capt. Hearn, a 17-year veteran with UAL, refused to disclose speed and altitude of the plane when the skyjacker, who bought a ticket in the name of "T. Johnson," jumped.

Hearn said at a press conference in Salt Lake City today that revealing such information gives others ideas. "Every time they read about something like this, the plans get more sophisticated," Capt. Hearn said.



UPI photo

HIJACKED PLANE ROUTES

Original path (top) and flight to bailout (bottom)



UPI photo

REAR LOADING RAMP IS STILL LOWERED AFTER HIJACKERS EXIT
United Airlines jet sits on Salt Lake City airport runway after dramatic ransom-hijacking

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OFFICES RECEIVING THIS COMMUNICATION ARE REQUESTED TO PREPARE
REPORTS COVERING THE INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED TO DATE IN THEIR
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THAT PRELIMINARY HEARING HAS BEEN TENTATIVELY SET FOR APRIL
NINETEEN NEXT AT SALT LAKE CITY.

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RICHARD FLOYD MC COY, JR.; CAA - HIJACKING; INTERFERENCE WITH
FLIGHT CREW MEMBERS. 00: SU.

AUSA JAMES F. HOUSLEY, SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH, ADVISED TODAY
THAT THE FACTS OF THIS CASE WILL BE PRESENTED TO A FEDERAL GRAND
JURY AT SALT LAKE CITY AT TEN A.M. ON APRIL FOURTEEN NEXT AND
THAT [REDACTED] WHO RESIDES IN APARTMENT [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] LOS ANGELES, TELEPHONE [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] AND WHO WAS THE [REDACTED] ON FLIGHT
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TO MAKE SURE THAT SHE IS NOTIFIED OF THIS FACT.

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TITLE OF CASE RICHARD FLOYD MC COY, JR.		REPORT MADE BY b7C	TYPED BY lbp
		CHARACTER OF CASE CAA - HIJACKING; INTERFERENCE WITH FLIGHT CREW MEMBERS	

REFERENCES: Denver teletype to Bureau, 4/8/72.

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San Francisco teletypes to Bureau, 4/8/72.

Salt Lake City teletype to Bureau, 4/8/72.

Bureau teletype to Salt Lake City, 4/9/72.

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After being advised that plane was on the ground at San Francisco and hijacker's demands were being met for

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parachutes and \$500,000, all law enforcement agencies in the State of Utah were notified, as well as the National Guard and Hill Air Force Base who were requested to furnish helicopters and other aircraft as needed since subject's destination was unknown at that time. At approximately 8:22 PM, information was received that the aircraft was headed for the Coaldale marker in Nevada. Subject was described as a white male, approximately 25, 5' 5", 145 to 160 pounds, with dark complexion. The plane's direction was followed through contact with the Air Traffic Control Center at Salt Lake City until it was believed subject bailed out of the plane near the Provo, Utah, airport, where a continuous search was made throughout the night by local police agencies and all available FBI Agents.

Investigation conducted by the Salt Lake City Division and auxiliary Offices not pertinent to this case is not being included in this report but maintained as part of the file.

A detailed map is being prepared showing the jump area of the subject and will be included in the next report.

No leads are being set forth in this report for auxiliary Offices in view of the fact that they have been requested by the most expeditious means. Auxiliary Offices have been requested to furnish reports in this case covering their investigation.

Due to the splendid cooperation demonstrated by all law enforcement agencies in the State of Utah, as well as Hill Air Force Base and the Utah National Guard, a letter of appreciation was sent to the head of each of these agencies.

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[redacted] Charge of
Records, Brigham Young University, furnished four photo
copies of a signature of RICHARD FLOYD MC COY, taken from
his admission application for the university.

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[redacted] Security Department,
Brigham Young University, furnished two Polaroid photographs
of RICHARD FLOYD MC COY, which were taken from the 1962
"Yearbook" from Brigham Young University. b7C

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The following investigation was conducted by SA

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[redacted], Director of Brigham Young University (BYU) Health Center, BYU, Provo, Utah, advised April 11, 1972, that subject MC COY had recently been treated at that health center regarding a leg condition and that he was treated by [redacted]. He stated that because of numerous lawsuits in the medical profession and because of skepticism of college students regarding confidentiality of medical records, he has taken a rigid stand against releasing information in medical records without the consent of the patient or a subpoena. He stated he would dismiss any doctor who would release such information. He advised that to his knowledge, subject had never been treated for any mental abnormality, but hinted subject might have had some problem of that type. He was non-specific but gave the impression subject might have had an emotional problem.

[redacted], BYU Health Center, advised April 11, 1972, that he had seen subject twice during about the past month in regard to his leg, and that subject was to have returned a third time but did not so return, thus indicating to [redacted] that his leg must not have been too bad. [redacted] stated that he was unable to give any information without a subpoena or consent of the subject.

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LEADS

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AT SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH

1. Follow and report results of requested examinations by the FBI Laboratory and Identification Division, as well as investigation being conducted by auxiliary offices.
2. Follow and report prosecutive action taken against subject.
3. Continue to conduct all logical investigation to develop additional facts in this case.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Office: Salt Lake City, Utah

Date:

4/14/72

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Bureau File #:

Title:

RICHARD FLOYD MC COY, JR.

Character:

CRIME ABOARD AIRCRAFT - HIJACKING;
INTERFERENCE WITH FLIGHT CREW MEMBERS

Synopsis:

RICHARD FLOYD MC COY, JR., white male American, date of birth 12/7/42, Kinston, North Carolina, was arrested at Provo, Utah, 4/9/72, after being charged in a complaint at Salt Lake City, Utah, on 4/9/72, with violation of Section 1472(i)(1), Title 49, USC, Aircraft Piracy, and Section 1472(j), Title 49, USC, Interfering With Flight Attendant. Subject identified through handwriting and fingerprint examinations as well as witness identification as individual who boarded United Air Lines (UAL) Flight 855, a Boeing 727, from Newark, New Jersey, to Los Angeles, California, at Denver, Colorado, a normal stop. Approximately 15 to 20 minutes after take-off, subject was observed to be holding a hand grenade and a gun, and this occurred while the plane was in flight approximately 15 miles north of Aspen, Colorado. Chief Stewardess was first furnished a note to deliver to the pilot which was believed to have stated "grenade pin pulled" and "pistol". She was then furnished an envelope which she was instructed to deliver to the pilot, which envelope contained a number of pages of flight instructions and demands, which included that the plane be diverted to San Francisco where UAL was to have \$500,000 in cash and four parachutes available. Envelope also contained one hand grenade pin and a bullet. Instructions requested that pilot return all notes to the hijacker. Aircraft landed in San Francisco at approximately 4:20 PM where passengers' bags were immediately removed from the plane and subject ordered two male persons aboard the plane to depart and obtain the \$500,000 and the parachutes and return to the aircraft. After the two flight bags and parachutes were put aboard, subject ordered his luggage be brought from the baggage compartment. Stewardess was then furnished a note ordering all passengers

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to deplane, and later ordered one stewardess to leave. Stewardess was then handed a note to be delivered to the pilot ordering him to take off immediately. Time estimated at approximately 7:40 PM. Subject instructed the pilot, through flight plans furnished in envelope, to fly at 16,000 feet at approximately 180 knots, and several changes were ordered in plans. Just prior to approaching Provo, Utah, subject was observed by stewardess to be wearing a light olive military style flight suit as well as an oxygen mask. Subject believed to have bailed out near the Provo, Utah, airport. On 4/9/72, a search warrant was obtained for subject's residence at 360 South 200 East, Provo, and "\$499,970" was recovered, along with additional items which included a hand grenade which was inert, a .45 caliber automatic, a black helmet and parachute. Subject arraigned before U. S. Magistrate, Salt Lake City, Utah, 4/9/72, at which time he requested a court-appointed attorney, and was remanded to the custody of the U. S. Marshal on the recommendation of no bail. Subject confined in Salt Lake County Jail, Salt Lake City. Facts are being presented to FGJ, Salt Lake City, 4/14/72. Description set forth, as well as background information. SUICIDAL TENDENCIES.

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DETAILS:

PREDICATION

This investigation was predicated upon a telephone call received by SAC RUSSELL P. CALAME, at approximately 3:45 p.m., April 7, 1972, from [redacted] Supervisor, Federal Aviation Agency Control, telephone number 521-[redacted] who advised that there had been a hijacking of United Air Lines Flight 855, a Boeing 727, enroute from Newark, New Jersey, to Los Angeles, California, via Denver, Colorado. He advised the hijacker had declared himself near Grand Junction, Colorado, and instructed the plane to be diverted to San Francisco, California. [redacted] advised the plane was now flying at 31,000 feet, and his information was received from the Denver Air Control Center at 3:21 p.m. He advised that at 3:38 p.m., the plane was going to 39,000 feet and was 25 miles south of Price, Utah. b7C

Upon receiving this information, the Salt Lake City Division immediately put into effect its hijacking plan.

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INVESTIGATION AND INTERVIEWS
AT AIRPORT

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SA [redacted] was in the Salt Lake City International Airport tower with Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Supervisor being [redacted] and Operator [redacted]. On the tower radar, the hijacked jet aircraft could be observed entering the lower sector of the Salt Lake City tower radar.

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At 11:11 - 11:12 P.M., April 7, 1972, a radio transmission was overheard being received from the pilot of the hijacked aircraft, which indicated that the crew of the aircraft believed the hijacker may have departed from the airplane. A radar plot indicated that the possible departure of the unknown subject from the aircraft could have occurred in the immediate vicinity of the Provo, Utah, Airport at approximately 11:11 - 11:12 P.M.

At 11:27 P.M., the pilot of the aircraft indicated information was received through radio broadcast monitoring that it had been confirmed that the hijacker had left the aircraft and the aircraft was returning to land at the Salt Lake City Airport.

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[redacted] was requested to and subsequently did make arrangements for the landing of the aircraft at the Salt Lake City Airport and its immediate abandonment at the end of the runway for search procedures and evacuation of the crew in view of any possibility of injury or explosion. Ambulance and fire equipment were alerted and on standby to proceed to the vicinity of the aircraft for emergency procedure. The crew of the aircraft were to be delivered directly after evacuation to the FAA Offices at the Airport under complete security for interview by Bureau Agents.

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The following investigation was conducted by
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[REDACTED], Salt Lake City, Utah,
Police Department, on April 7, 1972, was advised that the
aircraft was landing at the Salt Lake City International
Airport and would be stopped and the crew evacuated at the
north end of the runway. It was requested and subsequently
confirmed that the Salt Lake City Police and K-9 Corps
completely isolated the area of landing of the aircraft
prior to the arrival and search of the aircraft by Bureau
Agents.

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA [REDACTED]:

[REDACTED] Customer Service, United Air Lines, Salt Lake City, Utah, was contacted at the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Offices on April 7, 1972, at which time he pledged complete cooperation of United Air Lines and permitted isolation and interview of the crew of the United Air Lines hijacked flight in the FAA Offices. He advised that after completion of the initial interview of the crew members by FBI Agents, he, in accordance with United Air Lines policy, was going to permit the crew members to have a brief and limited conference with news officials.

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INTERVIEW OF AIRLINE OFFICIALS
ON FLIGHT 855

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b7C [redacted] United Airlines, advised that he was in command of United Airlines Flight 855 that had originated in New Jersey, and he had taken over at Denver, Colorado, for a flight to Los Angeles, California.

[redacted] stated shortly after take-off from Denver and approximately 15 miles north of Aspen, Colorado, he became aware that some difficulty existed concerning one passenger. Shortly thereafter he was furnished a two page single spaced typewritten letter containing instructions which he had first thought was a bomb threat and later realized that his aircraft was being hijacked.

b7C [redacted] advised that [redacted] who was apparently called [redacted] by the hijacker, was utilized by the hijacker as a messenger for his instructions from the passenger cabin to the cockpit on numerous occasions. [redacted] advised that the hijacker's instructions were extremely explicit, and in the vicinity of Hanksville, Utah, he requested the Federal Aviation Agency make a change of course which would allow him to land at San Francisco International Airport. This course change was granted and he proceeded to San Francisco International Airport, the hijacker having furnished instructions as to landing and parking at Runway 19 left and further specific instructions as to the fueling of the aircraft and the distance that all vehicles should be kept from the aircraft.

b7C [redacted] stated that upon refueling and obtaining the \$500,000 in ransom and removal of passengers from the aircraft, he again became air-borne, at which time the hijacker apparently lowered the rear stairway. The hijacker's instructions were to fly at 16,000 feet elevation and to maintain an air speed of 180 knots which is approximately 200 miles per hour. [redacted] stated the hijacker indicated several course changes en route and the instructions contained specific times that these course changes should be flown. [redacted] advised that in changing course in the vicinity of the Provo, Utah, Airport, where the hijacker had indicated the next leg should be to Price, Utah, he felt that the hijacker had bailed out.

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[redacted] advised he believed that in the first message he received there was possibly a cartridge shell in the envelope with the instructions and a hand grenade pin.

[redacted] stated he and his [redacted] spent approximately nine hours [redacted] aircraft with the exception of a short break at the San Francisco International Airport when he was able to utilize the lavatory immediately adjacent to the cockpit. [redacted]

[redacted] stated in view of this confinement he never did see the hijacker.

[redacted] stated that there was every indication the hijacker was armed with a hand grenade and pistol, and he had also threatened to use plastic explosives at one point.

[redacted] stated he was aware that through conversation with a U. S. Coast Guard chase plane that apparently two parachutes had been thrown from his aircraft in the vicinity of Tonopah, Nevada.

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[redacted] United Air Lines, was telephonically reinterviewed at the Holiday Inn, Salt Lake City, to obtain additional specifics, at which time he advised that the steps to the aircraft were lowered over Nevada apparently in the vicinity between Tonopah and Wilson Creek by the hijacker. He stated that the only indication of the use of the steps to exit the rear of the aircraft [redacted]

[redacted] steps are extended. He advised that the extending of the steps [redacted]

He advised that it was believed [redacted] crew that the subject exited just immediately [redacted]

[redacted] and while it could not be certain that the exit was at this precise time, he was fairly certain in his own mind that this was the exit time of the hijacker.

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[redacted] employed by United Airlines, was interviewed at Salt Lake City International Airport.

[redacted] advised that the flight on which he [redacted] originated in New Jersey as United Airlines Flight 855, and he boarded as crew at Denver, Colorado.

[redacted] advised that approximately 15 miles north of Aspen, Colorado, he became aware that there was some difficulty and originally thought that a bomb threat had been received. [redacted]

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[redacted] since the hijacker apparently preferred to have as little contact with other personnel in the cabin as possible.

[redacted] advised the original two page letter was in an envelope and this envelope also contained the safety pin from a hand grenade.

[redacted] stated that [redacted] who is employed by United Airlines and based at Los Angeles, California, where Flight 855 was due to terminate, was "deadheading" and was sitting in the passenger compartment and apparently was aware of the hijacker's presence.

[redacted] stated that upon receiving instructions from the hijacker, a course change was obtained in the area of Hanksville, Utah, and a more northerly course was assumed, which would take the flight to the San Francisco International Airport as instructed by the hijacker.

[redacted] stated the hijacker was very explicit in all of his instructions and in fact indicated that at San Francisco International Airport runway 19 left should be

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utilized, and [] stated he felt the hijacker definitely knew the airport. The hijacker further instructed (1) a fuel truck with six hours fuel and two men on the truck should be available, (2) all vehicles should be parked one hundred feet from the nose of the aircraft on the left side, and (3) he wanted a prisoner who was being returned to the State of California to be left in the seat that he was in. b7C

[] stated that [] confirmed that the hijacker had a pistol that had a clip in it and returned to the hijacker the hand grenade pin. [] had further indicated to [] that the hijacker had stated he had plastic explosives on board the aircraft. b7C

Upon refueling and leaving San Francisco International Airport specific instructions were received indicating the altitude and air speed to be followed, and essentially the altitude was 16,000 feet and the air speed was 180 knots, which is approximately 200 miles per hour or 3 miles per minute.

[] stated that the rear stairway had been lowered apparently immediately after take-off and communications generally were bad due to the open rear door, and in addition to this it was necessary to be on oxygen approximately one and one-half hours, at which time it appeared that the hijacker had jumped in the vicinity of the Provo, Utah, Airport.

b7C [] stated that the numerous instructions received from the hijacker contained course changes on at least two occasions, and one note indicated that if a chase plane was seen, the hijacker would set a charge which would detonate after he had jumped and before the plane could be landed.

[] stated that the notes indicated generally a terminology of "we this" or "we that" which gave the impression that there were definitely more than one individual involved.

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[redacted] stated that the typewritten notes generally were single spaced and some had been typed over and were very difficult to read due to the detail contained.

[redacted] stated it was his impression that the hijacker was possibly a private pilot and was acquainted with flying point to point as would a small plane pilot. He stated that the evening was very clear and lights of various towns were visible en route from San Francisco, California, to the Provo, Utah, area.

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[redacted] recalled that in the next to the last note received from the hijacker it stated that "if anyone turned around it was a long fall without a chute."

[redacted] stated an attempt was made to look into the passenger compartment under the cockpit door where there was approximately one-fourth inch space; however, all lights had been extinguished and the door to the lavatory immediately behind the cockpit was open, obstructing the view to the rear.

[redacted] stated that from the time the flight began in Denver, Colorado, until landing at Salt Lake City International Airport [redacted]

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[redacted] utilizing the lavatory immediately adjacent to the cockpit briefly on one occasion. [redacted] he had no opportunity to see the hijacker.

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[redacted] was interviewed in an upstairs room under the control of United Air Lines, at the Salt Lake City International Airport. The time the interview began was 12:00 midnight.

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[redacted] described himself as being [redacted] on United Air Lines Flight 855 from Denver which had been hijacked and diverted to Salt Lake City, Utah. He stated he resided at [redacted] California, [redacted] telephone number 805 [redacted].

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Concerning the activities on the day in question, [redacted] advised he and other members of the flight crew left Los Angeles, California, at 7:00 a.m., Flight 460, United Air Lines, traveled to Sacramento, California; Salt Lake City, Utah; and Denver, Colorado, arriving Denver approximately 12:33 p.m. He advised he and other members of the crew had one hour and fifteen minutes ground time in Denver, and they spent most of this time in the flight office at the terminal.

There was nothing significant which happened during this period which would indicate any later hijacking activities. [redacted] advised at about 2:10 p.m., he went to the flight office of United Air Lines with the other members of the crew to handle some administrative details of the flight. About 2:10 to 2:15 p.m., he boarded Flight 855 prior to departure. He advised there were three [redacted]

[redacted] and [redacted] advised that when he got onto the plane, [redacted] was already aboard and [redacted]. He stated there may have been two or three passengers already aboard the aircraft, in the passenger compartment.

He stated that as he came aboard, the three girls went to the rear of the plane and he went to the cockpit to handle "check-off". He advised also that he then got out of the plane and checked certain items on the outside of the plane and noticed nothing significant.

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b7C He advised at this time the passengers came aboard and that during this period he returned to the cockpit with the other two male members of the flight crew. [redacted] recalled that following passenger loading, they received clearance to start the engines; however, the loading door remained open. He advised that they were ready to leave as the passenger agent came to the loading door with an envelope in his hand. He waved the envelope into the passenger compartment and announced that the envelope had been left behind in the boarding room. The passenger agent asked to whom the envelope belonged, and there was no response.

b7C [redacted] advised that he was observing this through the open cockpit door when he noted a passenger step out of the restroom on the right hand side of the plane looking forward and waved his hand as though he was acknowledging ownership of the envelope. [redacted] advised that [redacted] then went to the passenger agent and indicated that a man in the back was responding. She went to the individual, and he told her that the envelope was his. [redacted] then returned to the passenger agent, got the envelope and took it back to the individual. [redacted] advised he does not recall what immediately followed, but he did see the man go back into the restroom.

b7C He advised the outside door was then closed and the plane started to taxi. At this time one of the girls came to him and said that the man was still in the restroom. [redacted] advised that [redacted] overhearing this report, told her to go back and tell the man to sit down. She then went to the rear and later called on the intercom to report that she had knocked on the door with no response. [redacted] advised that the [redacted] to go back and check, which he did.

b7C [redacted] knocked heavily on the door and within a very few minutes the man came out of the restroom and said "I'm alright." [redacted] told the man he could not stay in the restroom during the takeoff, and the man came out and took a seat in the rear on the right side of the aisle.

b7C [redacted] advised that as he had seen the individual before and now noticed him leaving the restroom, he did notice some difference in the man's appearance but did not pay any particular attention. He did not note the significance of the change. He stated he went back to the cockpit and turned to [redacted] and asked her to ask the man what was in the envelope. [redacted] made the inquiry and returned with the report that the man had said "just papers". He stated that he then related to [redacted] all that had happened, and the plane had taken off.

b7C [] stated that the takeoff was a normal climb and the plane rose to over 3,000 feet and went on cruise power. He advised that about 20 minutes after the takeoff, [] came and advised him that the man had returned to the restroom. He advised shortly thereafter, two passengers came forward to one of the stewardesses to report that they had seen a man in the back with a gun; and they were seated toward the front of the plane. [] then came to the cockpit and indicated that one of the passengers had said he had observed a man in the back of the plane with a grenade and suggested they had better do something about it. [] advised a discussion among the crew then took place; and they finally asked [] out of Los Angeles who was "dead heading" on the flight, to go back to the restroom and check for anything out of the ordinary.

b7C [] did go back and observed the restroom, but found nothing. He then came to the cockpit and reported his findings. About this time they were starting their descent into Grand Junction, Colorado. At this time the Captain asked [] to go back and give the area another check, which he did; and this check was also negative. [] then asked [] to go back and sit next to the unknown passenger who reportedly had the gun. After being there only a few minutes, [] came back to the cockpit and reported he had observed something between the individual's legs which the individual was attempting to cover up.

b7C [] stated that at this time the man pulled a gun and held it on [] and gave him an envelope saying, "Give this envelope to the girl and have her take it to the captain." He advised that [] brought the envelope to the cockpit. [] advised that the elevation was about 14,000 feet; and they announced that they were landing at Grand Junction, Colorado, with a hydraulic failure so as not to alarm the passengers. [] advised that they then called the ground, advised they were landing and asked for law enforcement assistance on the ground.

b7C [] advised that at this time they opened the envelope and noted it was a two page note typed on what appeared to be an electric typewriter. He advised the note made demands and set out instructions that they could keep the note for approximately 30 minutes and then the subject wanted the note back. [] stated the note had been in an envelope marked "hijack instructions". [] recalled that the note told them where to go, San Francisco, California; when to arrive and what to do after takeoff. He advised that [] then wrote a note to the subject that they would go to San Francisco, but that it would be necessary to refuel.

b7C [] advised that passengers were not informed of the activities on board. Before landing at Grand Junction, Colorado, the First Officer announced that Grand Junction could not handle the necessary repairs; and it would be necessary to go to San Francisco, California. The plane then traveled to San Francisco, California, arriving there at 4:15 p.m. [] advised there were no contacts during this period, and the flight was uneventful. [] advised that after landing, [] brought up another envelope which contained instructions as to what to do while on the ground, where to go, how much fuel, where the fuel truck would be parked and how many fuelers would be allowed to handle the fuel, how to unload the baggage and where and limiting the number of baggage handlers to three. The note told of the money demands, parachutes and was in great detail.

b7C [] advised that instructions of the hijacker were radioed into dispatch, and they sat on the ground for approximately three hours fifteen minutes with the passengers aboard while the plane was fueling and the bags unloaded. [] advised the hijacker instructed that the stairs be brought to the front of the plane, and then [] brought in an envelope with more instructions. He advised one of the instructions was to send the passenger from Seat 14B to the cockpit. It was also noted there was a baggage stub in the envelope. This baggage stub was Number 61-32-3, United Air Lines, Denver to Los Angeles.

b7C [] later came to the cockpit to say that the subject wanted to get someone to help the man in Seat 19B bring parachutes, a suitcase and money aboard. [] said the two men then left the plane and brought the items aboard and took them to the rear where the subject was located. He stated he then observed the man check the suitcases for contents. When satisfied, he sent the two men out to get a checked piece of baggage. [] was then told to let everyone off; and she made the announcement, and all deplaned. One stewardess [] also left the aircraft. Five crew members remained which were the five previously described. [] then brought up another note instructing that they taxi to the active runway and take off. They should head east and climb to 14,000 feet. He advised the cabin was to be unpressurized. He stated that when the plane was airborne [] brought another letter which said "Stay at 14,000 and be over Coal Dale in 30 minutes. Further instructions to follow." [] advised there were also some warnings about not allowing chase planes.

[] advised they went to Tonapah, Nevada, and later Coal Dale as instructed. He stated that as they were traveling, the subject kept demanding to know ground speeds, flight speeds, wind speeds, altimeter settings and sky conditions. He also advised he wanted to be notified "5 minutes before crossing each VOR station." [] advised that they then began to receive cards which looked like flight plans instructing that they go to Wilson Creek and Milford, Utah. b7C He asked for further information on settings, etc. [] advised that about Milford, Utah, the subject opened the aft entry door and let down the aft air stair. He advised that the subject then covered the peep hole in the cockpit door so that it was not possible to observe into the passenger compartment.

[] advised that before the plane arrived at Milford, subject sent the girls into the cockpit with the other crew members; but he, [] was able to observe subject in the passenger compartment due to a slight crack in the door. [] advised he observed the subject put on a jumpsuit and helmet as well as a parachute. He advised b7C that subject put on the parachute as though he was very well schooled in this maneuver. [] advised that the subject wore the chute a long time before the actual jump and after getting himself ready, the subject turned out the lights in the passenger compartment so he could observe the ground. He advised the subject could be seen moving around in the back as he had a flashlight in his hand which he turned on periodically when he wished to make certain observations.

[] advised that on one occasion the subject could not get the intercom to work, and he came to the cockpit door and opened it slightly. He asked for information on wind position and altitude. He indicated that the plane was to be flown to Fairfield, Utah, and that he was to be notified five minutes before arriving over Fairfield. He then advised b7C that [] was to pick up a new flight plan which he had placed on the first row on the right side of the passenger compartment on the seat. [] advised that [] entered the passenger compartment, found the plan, but apparently could not observe the subject due to the darkness. The plan said "Go to Fairfield, Utah, Price and Grand Junction." [] advised he did not see the subject again, but when in the Provo area felt a surge. At this time they concluded the subject had gone.

[] advised that he then went to get the next instructions, and the subject was gone. He advised he did b7C not recall anything further concerning the activity except all of the notes had been returned, that it was obvious to him that the subject knew the airplane and area well. He

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advised he did not feel that he could make a positive identification of the subject should he see him at a later time. According to [] the subject is described as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	27 to 30 years
Height	5 feet 8 inches
Weight	150 pounds
Eyes	Blue-grey
Complexion	Yellow tan
Characteristics	Wearing Black wig, believed to have black hair. Wearing black fake moustache, glasses with mirrored lenses. Slender build. Rough features having bandage on right cheek after he was disguised.
Dress	Wearing dress shirt with big collar and wide tie. Also a sport coat and dark pants.

b7C [] advised he could not provide further color data regarding subject's clothing.

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[] advised subject was observed putting on a green jumpsuit and black helmet which had a white mark on the back of the helmet. Subject also had on black gloves when he jumped and possibly boots.

[] pressed the view that subject's voice was higher than normal pitch or disguised.

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b7C [redacted] Telephone [redacted] Encino, California, was advised of the identity of Special Agent [redacted] by exhibiting to her credentials. [redacted] advised that she spends a considerable amount of time at her parents' home located at [redacted] Telephone [redacted] Tarzana, California, and can usually be reached there if not at her apartment at Encino, California.

b7C [redacted] advised that she has been employed as [redacted] by United Air Lines since July 3, 1968. [redacted] was an [redacted] aboard United Air Lines Flight 855 and began her trip on this flight at Denver, Colorado, April 7, 1972. [redacted] stated this flight was scheduled to depart Denver, Colorado, at 2:25 P.M., April 7, 1972, and was scheduled for a nonstop flight to Los Angeles, California. [redacted] stated that the usual boarding procedure was being followed when she first noticed subject boarding and he caught her eye inasmuch as he was flashily dressed. The subject went to the back of the aircraft and sat on an aisle seat. During the boarding procedure, a passenger agent entered the airplane and announced that someone had left a manila envelope in the boarding area. The subject left the airplane and apparently was the one who left the envelope as he returned to the plane and his seat with the envelope.

b7C [redacted] stated the subject then went to the blue room (restroom), locked the door and stayed for quite a length of time. [redacted] stated this was reported to the second officer and the officer had to come back and open the door and she recalled hearing the second officer ask the subject what he had in the envelope and he remarked, "Just papers".

[redacted] stated that after the aircraft became air-borne, she began her services for the passengers. At this time, she recalled that several men, whom she considered businessmen, told her that the subject had taken a grenade

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out of a blue case and then she immediately informed the crew members of this incident. She stated that she continued her services for other passengers and that one or two other businessmen approached her and advised her that the subject now had a gun. She states these passengers were sitting in the same row with the subject now had a gun. She stated these passengers were sitting in the same row with the subject and that he had told them to leave that row of seats, which she recalled as the second row from the last row of seats on the right side of the plane. These seats were numbered D, E and F.

b7C [] stated that she believed the subject allowed a woman and a boy to remain on one side of the aisle of this row and that he then moved to the aisle seat. She stated at this time she believed the subject had put on a wig and possibly had been wearing a wig for sometime before he removed the other passengers from his row.

b7C [] stated that she continued her services to the other passengers and that the subject had some time prior to this called [] one of the other stewardesses, and seemingly was giving her written notes that she was carrying to the cockpit. [] whispered to [] on one of her early trips to the cockpit that the subject would not speak and that he was only writing notes or making gestures to her.

[] stated that she recalled when the information was reported to the pilot that the subject had a grenade, the pilot announced that the airplane had developed mechanical trouble and would make a landing at Grand Junction. [] stated that she never did see a grenade; however, she did see a gun which she described as having a square-type barrel as she was able to look at it from a side view.

b7C [] stated that [] was now carrying all the communications from the subject to the pilot and that she believes the pilot made an announcement that there had been another change in plans and that the airplane was not going to land at Grand Junction. [] stated she believed the pilot made this announcement after he had been advised that the subject had a gun.

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[redacted] stated she recalled seeing a portion of a note that [redacted] was carrying to the cockpit and hastily showed it to her. She stated she recalled the words "pistol - hand grenade - pin pulled" and that these words were typed on an envelope.

[redacted] stated that she recalled having glimpses of other notes that [redacted] was carrying from the subject to the cockpit and that these other notes were typewritten and some were in printing or handwriting.

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[redacted] stated that her assignment in the aircraft [redacted] was in the coach cabin and that she spent most of her time in this area which was the same area where the subject was seated. She recalled that he wore gloves all of the time and that she believed he put these gloves on after he had given his first instructions to [redacted]

[redacted] stated that she continued her services to the other passengers in the airplane and that [redacted] time was now being spent carrying notes from the subject to the cockpit.

[redacted] stated that when the plane landed at San Francisco, the subject told her to turn off all the lights in the airplane and to go into the cockpit. [redacted] stated that while in the cockpit, she recalls reading a note that gave instructions to return all the other notes that he had written.

b7C

[redacted] stated that during the San Francisco stop, all three of the stewardesses on the plane had to sit on the back row with the subject during the landing of the plane. She stated the subject told a person that she now knew to be a prisoner to get the money and the parachutes and to bring them back to him.

[redacted] stated that the last time she saw the subject was when he asked her to open the airplane door to the stairs. [redacted] stated that this indicated to her the subject was acquainted with this type of airplane as the

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door to the stairs is sealed by pressure if closed and when in flight. She stated that when she left the rear area of the airplane after she had opened the pressure door that if the door had been closed again, the subject would have to have closed it.

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[redacted] stated that during the time she was opening the door, the parachutes that had been brought to subject had to be moved in order for her to open the door.

She stated that she did not recall seeing the subject talk to anyone at any time other than to [redacted] and that she did not observe him smoking, eating or drinking at any time. [redacted] stated that when all the airline personnel were in the cockpit after being en route from San Francisco that subject had to come to the cockpit door and shout into it for [redacted] to come outside for him to give her another note. She stated the PA system was not working properly in the airplane at this time.

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[redacted] stated that she did not know at what area the subject left the plane; however, the crew members felt a pressure change and that she was with some of the other employees who went back to the rear of the airplane and the stairwell, and after looking around thoroughly could no longer see the subject.

[redacted] stated that she also recalled that the subject carried aboard a blue navy-colored bag that had red piping and he may have possibly carried another bag with him.

[redacted] furnished the following description of the subject:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Nationality	American
Age	Around 30
Height	5' 6"
Build	Medium
Eyes	Blue-gray

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Facial
Characteristics

Pitted face;
Thin lips;
Small mouth

Hair

Wore a dark brown wig;
Had a big mustache

Attire

Wore mirror sunglasses;
Wore a shocking-pink shirt
with large collar, when
boarding the airplane;
Believed he wore a dark-colored
suit that possibly had pink
stripes and was of Edwardian
style;

Scars and Marks
Voice

[redacted] stated she believed
subject changed to a white
shirt later in the flight and
this change was made after
the aircraft left San Francisco
No noticeable tattoos or scars
Normal without accent. When
subject did speak, he talked
in a slow, definite loud voice
giving short orders and to the
point. [redacted] stated
she did not hear the subject
talk very often, but recalls
this in the few words that he
did speak.

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Remarks

[redacted] stated at one time
she was able to observe the
subject by peeking out of the
cockpit door and that he was
then wearing a black helmet
and had a military-type
jumpsuit on.

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[redacted] for United Airlines (UAL), who is home based at Los Angeles, California, with residence at [redacted] Apartment [redacted] Los Angeles, California, telephone [redacted] provided the following information: b7C

She was the [redacted] on UAL scheduled Flight 855 from Denver, Colorado to Los Angeles, California on April 7, 1972. The flight originated at Denver and departed at approximately 2:35 PM. Prior to the departure of the flight a UAL employee brought a large manilla envelope aboard the aircraft and inquired of the passengers as to its ownership. She stated [redacted] stated she located a male passenger who claimed to be the owner. [redacted] then delivered the envelope to that individual who was seated in seat 20D located in the last row on the left side of the aircraft. This passenger eventually was the person responsible for hijacking the UAL aircraft. b7C

[redacted] stated that after the individual had received the envelope he went into the right rear rest room. She then notified the Captain who advised [redacted] to have the man return to his seat for take off. [redacted] stated she knocked three or four times on the restroom door and asked the man to return to his seat for take off. The individual refused to return to his seat and [redacted] then notified the Captain. The Second Officer then went to the rest room and was successful in having the individual return to his seat. b7C

[redacted] did not observe the individual prior to his entering the restroom.

[redacted] related that this individual departed the rest room with a suitcase and the manilla envelope. She asked the individual what was in the envelope to which he replied "Just papers". b7C

Approximately 15 to 20 minutes after take off a passenger from the rear of the plane went to [redacted] and stated "the man in the rear of the plane has a handgrenade".

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[] immediately advised the Pilot who in turn notified the passengers through the public address system that the aircraft would be landing at Grand Junction, Colorado due to a hydraulic problem.

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A short time later two passengers advised [] that a passenger in the rear had a gun who had given them a note for [] to give to the Pilot. [] believed this note to have read "grenade pin pulled, pistol".

[] stated an off-duty UAL pilot, whom she did not know, then came forward and provided her with an envelope and stated she was to deliver it to the Pilot. This envelope contained a number of pages of flight instructions and demands which included in part that the plane be diverted to San Francisco where UAL was to have \$500,000.00 in cash and four parachutes available. The envelope also contained one handgrenade pin and a bullet.

The instructions required the Pilot to return all notes to the hijacker. The Pilot advised [] to request the hijacker allow the Pilot to retain the instructions until such time as they were no longer needed as the instructions were too extensive to memorize. The hijacker indicated he was agreeable to this by nodding his head to []. In addition to nodding his head the hijacker shook his hand containing the handgrenade in a clenched fist style towards [].

b7C

[] stated the aircraft landed in San Francisco at approximately 4:20 PM where the passenger baggage was immediately removed from the plane. After the passenger baggage was unloaded onto the airstrip the hijacker ordered that a Federal prisoner aboard the airplane and a UAL employee leave the airplane to obtain the \$500,000.00 and the parachutes and return them to the aircraft. [] stated the prisoner and UAL employee returned to the aircraft with two flight bags supposedly containing the money and three parachutes, one of which appeared to have opened.

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The hijacker also ordered that his luggage from the baggage compartment be brought to him aboard the plane. She described the hijacker's suitcase as medium size and had a large black and green plaid pattern.

b7C She stated subsequent to the baggage being removed and the ransom money and parachutes being delivered, the hijacker gave a note to [] ordering all of the passengers to deplane, stating the stewardesses were to remain aboard. After the passengers had deplaned the hijacker told [] [] she could also leave. The hijacker then handed [] a note to deliver to the pilot ordering the pilot to take off immediately. She estimated the time of take off at approximately 6:30 PM. [] stated she retained this particular note and had put it in her purse.

b7C Approximately 10 minutes after take off at San Francisco the hijacker told [] and [] to go forward and sit directly behind the bulkhead where they remained until approximately 30 minutes prior to the hijacker jumping from the aircraft. At that time the hijacker came forward to the bulkhead and told [] and [] to turn off all the lights in the cabin and then go into the cockpit with the crew.

b7C At this time [] stated the hijacker was dressed in a light olive military style flight suit, a gas mask on his face and a white towel over his head.

A short time prior to the time that it was believed by the crew that the hijacker jumped from the aircraft he provided a note to the pilot containing additional flight instructions which directed the crew to pick up additional notes containing other instructions at various intervals. These notes had been placed on various seats in the cabin of the aircraft.

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b7C Subsequent to [] picking up the second note the crew felt a movement in the aircraft which they believed to have been made by the hijacker when he bailed out of the plane. [] stated their position at that time was in the Provo, Utah, area.

b7C After the movement of the plane was felt [] departed the cockpit and went to the cabin to pick up the additional set of instructions. When she returned to the cockpit she informed the Pilot she could not observe the hijacker in the aircraft. The pilot then instructed [] to return to the area of the second note on the pretense she could not locate it in an attempt to make another observation of the cabin for the hijacker. [] stated she then walked to the rear of the aircraft and determined the hijacker was not in the plane.

The cabin lights were then turned on and a search of the cabin area began by the crew.

b7C [] stated that the Pilot then turned the aircraft towards the Salt Lake City International Airport where they landed.

[] provided the following description of the hijacker:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Nationality	American
Age	27
Height	5' 5"
Weight	140-150
Complexion	Dark, pock marked cheeks
Build	Heavy from hips down, medium from waist up
Speech	Normal
Hair	Dark wig, false bushy mustache, dark bushy eyebrows

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Characteristics

Clothing At Time
of Take Off From
Denver

Small bandaid on left
cheek starting from
corner of mouth
Navy blue jacket with red
bands 1/2-inch vertical
stripes spaced at approxi-
mately 1 1/2 inches;
Navy blue doubleknit dress
slacks;
Cream colored background
with green flowered shirt;
Wide dark, Navy blue, tie;
Blue sox;
Navy blue oxford type shoes
with band of beige across
toe;
Black gloves, silver watch,
reflector lense sunglasses.

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INTERIOR SEARCH OF UNITED AIR LINES

PLANE NUMBER 7426, FLIGHT 855

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A physical search for real evidence was conducted in the interior of United Airlines Plane No. 7426, also known as Flight 855 at the Salt Lake City International Airport.

Found in the left and right rear restrooms were used paper towels, paper cups, kleenex, and a paper head rest cover.

Found in and around seats 19 A, B, C, located in front of the hijacker's seat were miscellaneous paper items that included three magazines in seat pouch, three disposal bags, three B72-7 instruction sheets, cigarette butts and gum and peanut wrappers.

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A search for physical evidence was conducted in the interior (passenger and pilots' section) of United Airlines (UAL) Plane No. 7426, UAL Flight No. 855, at the Salt Lake City International Airport.

After UAL flight personnel indicated to searching Agents where the hijacker sat and moved within the aircraft, Agents found in the pilot's compartment on the floor near the rudder peddles of the port side flight station, two pilot's pre-flight check list, typewritten. On top of a suitcase, which sat to the left of the captain's chair (port side) was found three separate pieces of paper, written by the pilot and bearing directions from the hijacker. In a waste paper container on the co-pilot's chair (starboard side) was found a fourth written piece of paper bearing directions from the hijacker.

Found on top of a black purse in seat 1-D, was a 3x5 piece of paper yellow in color, handwritten in pencil, bearing the description:

"Everybody off now except stewardesses. They stay put. Get the hell off the GD. Be quick about it - use this runway.

Because it was reported the hijacker took a drink using a paper cup from the forward water fountain, the contents of the forward waste container was collected.

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Examination was made of United Airlines (UAL) Airplane No. 7426, at the Salt Lake City International Airport, and the following items of evidence were obtained:

Latent prints removed from the rear restroom, port side.

Miscellaneous paper material from seats in the rear of the airplane occupied by the hijacker.

Pieces of a mirror painted orange on the back of the mirror pieces; piece of metal, possibly mirror holder; and small piece of wire were removed from the rear steps of the airplane, which steps were apparently used by the hijacker to depart from the airplane.

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[redacted] United Airlines (UAL) [redacted]
Headquartered at Chicago, Illinois, residence [redacted]
[redacted] Dundee, Illinois, residence telephone number
312-[redacted] was contacted at the Salt Lake City International
Airport and furnished a package containing the following for
latent fingerprint examination:

Six UAL seat belts from Plane No. 7426

Eight latent lifts of unknown value obtained
from UAL Plane No. 7426

Film pack of photographs of latent lifts obtained
from UAL Plane No. 7426

[redacted] advised that he would fly the package to
Chicago, Illinois on Flight 278, leaving the Salt Lake City
International Airport at 3:00 P.M., April 8, 1972, and at
Chicago, Illinois, he would turn the package over to [redacted]
[redacted] would deliver the package containing
latent fingerprint evidence to a FBI representative at the
National Airport, Washington D. C.

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[redacted] United Airlines (UAL),
Headquartered at Chicago, Illinois, residence Carriage Way,
Deerfield, Illinois, residence telephone number 945-[redacted]
was contacted at the Salt Lake City International Airport and
was furnished a package containing the following items:

<u>ENVELOPE</u>	<u>CONTENTS</u>	<u>LOCATION OBTAINED</u>
No. 1	Hijacker's flight plans; Demand note	Pilot's Compartment
No. 2	Contents of forward waste container	Forward Restroom
No. 3	Miscellaneous paper material from hijacker's seat	Seats 19 A,B,C
No. 4	As Above	Seats 20, D,E,F
No. 5	As Above	Seats 19, D,E,F
No. 6	As Above	Seats 20, A,B,C
No. 7	Waste papers from port side rear restroom	Rear restroom, Port side
No. 8	As Above	As Above
No. 9	Waste papers starboard side rear restroom	Rear restroom, Starboard side
No. 10	Latent prints	Rear Restroom Port side
No. 11	Piece of hijacker's mirror	Rear Loading Steps

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The package was addressed to Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington, D. C., Attention: FBI Laboratory.

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[REDACTED] advised that he was departing Salt Lake City International Airport via UAL Flight 166 at 8:00 A.M. Upon arriving in Denver, Colorado, he would turn the package over to the Captain of Flight 166, who would arrive at Dulles International Airport at 2:45 P.M. He said that he would instruct the Captain to turn the package over to a FBI representative who would meet him at the plane.

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[redacted] United Airlines (UAL), Salt Lake City International Airport, advised that [redacted] of Flight No. 166, leaving the Salt Lake City International Airport at 8:00 A.M., April 8, 1972, would turn the package containing FBI evidence over to [redacted] UAL Pilot, Denver, Colorado. [redacted] who is headquartered out of Denver, Colorado, would turn the package over to a FBI representative at Dulles International Airport upon arrival there at approximately 2:45 P.M.

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[redacted] United Airlines (UAL), Flight No. 855, Denver, Colorado, to Los Angeles, California, April 7, 1972, was interviewed at the Salt Lake City International Airport.

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[redacted] advised that since last contacted by a representative of the FBI, he recalled that the hijacker, in his first note, wanted to know an exact name of UAL official who would handle hijacker's demands in San Francisco.

[redacted] said that he felt that because of this request by the hijacker, the possibility exists that the hijacker knew the names of UAL personnel at San Francisco.

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The following described items were discovered on United Airlines plane number 7426 and were initialed and collected for evidence:

1. Seat 19D: An open pack of Kool cigarettes, cigarette butts from ashtray, and one business card;
2. Seat 19F: Cigarette butts from ashtray;
3. Seats 20D, E and F: All items in the pockets of these seats, to wit, United Airlines Mainliner Magazines, airplane emergency cards, and white air sickness bags. Also, cigarette butts from ashtrays.

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During examination of United Airlines plane number 7426 at Salt Lake City International Airport, the following latent fingerprints were obtained:

Lifts from arm rests-seats 18A, B, D 19F (two prints), 19D (two prints), and 19C.

The above lifts were photographed.

Also obtained were seatbelts from seats 20A, B, C, D, E, and F.

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The below listed items were found in the interior of United Airlines plane number 7426. These items were marked, tagged and initialed for submission as physical evidence:

1. One seat headcover found in the toilet bowl of the port rear restroom.
2. Several pieces of a torn note found in the rear pocket of seat 20A.

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Pursuant to a search warrant issued at Salt Lake City, Utah, on April 9, 1972, by U. S. Magistrate A. M. FERRO, the premises at 360 South 200 East, Provo, Utah, were searched.

During the course of searching the residence, a folded chart was located in the top middle drawer of the buffet on the north wall of the living room. The folded chart bore the title "United States Government - Flight Information Publication, Enroute Low Altitude - U.S." The chart bore the effective date of 3 Feb. 1972, and an expiration date of 2 Mar. 1972.

The chart was marked and retained as evidence.

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Pursuant to a search warrant issued at Salt Lake City, Utah, on April 9, 1972, by U. S. Magistrate A. M. FERRO, the premises at 360 South 200 East, Provo, Utah, were searched.

During the course of the search, located in a small storage room at the northwest corner of the residence was a faded olive drab color canvas carrying bag bearing number 8460-606-8366, and the manufacturer's name, Eastern Canvas Products, Inc. Located in the bag was a blue and white parachute which had not been folded but merely stuffed into the bag, a black parachute jump harness, and a black helmet.

All of the above were marked and retained as evidence.

The bag was located along the north wall of the room, stacked on top of other military-type duffel bags, approximately six feet off the floor.

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[redacted] Customer
Services, United Airlines (UAL), Salt Lake City International
Airport, telephone number 521-2166, advised that [redacted]
[redacted] UAL, residence [redacted]
Salt Lake City, Utah, turned over the following pilot's pre-
flight check list, which [redacted] found in the pocket of Seat
3-B, UAL Airplane 7426, that was apparently left behind by the
hijacker. [redacted] advised that 3-B appearing on top of
the pilot's preflight check list was written by him.

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PILOT'S PREFLIGHT CHECK LIST							DATE
WEATHER ADVISORIES		ALTERNATE WEATHER		NOTAMS			
EN ROUTE WEATHER		FORECASTS		AIRSPACE RESTRICTIONS			
DESTINATION WEATHER		WINDS ALOFT		MAPS			
FLIGHT LOG							
DEPARTURE POINT	VOR IDENT.	RADIAL TO	DISTANCE LEG	TIME	GROUND SPEED		
MLE	FREQ.	FROM	REMAINING	PILOT CUMULATIVE	TAKEOFF		
CHECK POINT	DTA	007	61	20	ETA	180 KNOTS	
DELTA	116.1	187			ATA		
	CHA 108						
FAIR FIELD	FFU	008	64	21		180 KNOTS	
	116.6	188					
	CHA 113						
DESTINATION							
			TOTAL				
POSITION REPORT: FVFR report hourly, IFR as required by ATC							
ACFT IDENT.	POSITION	TIME	ALT.	IFR/VFR	EST. NEXT FIX	NAME OF SUCCEEDING FIX	
PREPS							
REPORT CONDITIONS ALOFT—							
CLOUD TOPS, BASES, LAYERS, VISIBILITY, TURBULENCE, HAZE, ICE, THUNDERSTORMS							
5 MIN PRIOR TO REACHING FFU—AS PER PRIOR INSTRUCTIONS, LOOK IN SEAT POCKET NEXT WINDOW OF SEAT 48 on right side—TAKE OUT NEW FLT PLAN—REPLACE IT WITH THIS ONE							
CLOSE FLIGHT PLAN UPON ARRIVAL							

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1. AIRCRAFT TYPE/SPECIAL EQUIPMENT	2. AIRCRAFT IDENTIFICATION
3. AIRCRAFT TYPE/SPECIAL EQUIPMENT	4. TRUE AIRSPEED
5. POINT OF DEPARTURE	6. DEPARTURE TIME
7. INITIAL CRUISING ALTITUDE	8. ROUTE OF FLIGHT
9. DESTINATION (Name of airport and city)	10. REMARKS
11. ESTIMATED TIME EN ROUTE	12. FUEL ON BOARD
13. ALTERNATE AIRPORT(S)	14. PILOT'S NAME
15. PILOT'S ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NO. OR AIRCRAFT HOME BASE	16. NO. OF PERSONS ABOARD
17. COLOR OF AIRCRAFT	18. FLIGHT WATCH STATIONS

FEDERAL AVIATION AGENCY FLIGHT PLAN				Form Approved. Budget Bureau No. 04-R672.3	
				1. TYPE OF FLIGHT PLAN	
				TYPE	VFR
				2. AIRCRAFT IDENTIFICATION	
				IPR	SVFR
3. AIRCRAFT TYPE/SPECIAL EQUIPMENT 1/		4. TRUE AIRSPEED	5. POINT OF DEPARTURE		6. DEPARTURE TIME
					PROPOSED (Z) ACTUAL (Z)
		KNOTS			
7. INITIAL CRUISING ALTITUDE					
8. ROUTE OF FLIGHT					
9. DESTINATION (Name of airport and city)					
10. REMARKS					
11. ESTIMATED TIME EN ROUTE		12. FUEL ON BOARD		13. ALTERNATE AIRPORT(S)	
HOURS	MINUTES	HOURS	MINUTES		
14. PILOT'S NAME					
15. PILOT'S ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NO. OR AIRCRAFT HOME BASE		16. NO. OF PERSONS ABOARD		17. COLOR OF AIRCRAFT	
				18. FLIGHT WATCH STATIONS	
CLOSE FLIGHT PLAN UPON ARRIVAL				1/ SPECIAL EQUIPMENT SUFFIX A — DME & 4076 Code transponder B — DME & 24 Code transponder C — DME L — DME & transponder—no code T — 24 Code transponder U — 4076 Code transponder X — Transponder—no code	

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[redacted] United
Airlines (UAL), Salt Lake City International Airport, residence [redacted] b7C
[redacted] telephone number [redacted], advised that on
April 8, 1972, he found pilot's preflight check list, Federal
Aviation Agency form 7233-1, in the pocket of Seat 3-B, UAL b7C
Airplane 7426. He turned this form over to [redacted]
[redacted] Customer Services, UAL, Salt Lake City, as
the form had apparently been used by the hijacker.

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b7C [redacted] United Airlines (UAL),
San Francisco International Airport, San Francisco, California,
residence [redacted], Santa Clara, California, telephone
number [redacted] was contacted at the Salt Lake City Inter-
national Airport, and was furnished with two envelopes addressed
to the Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington, D. C.,
Attention: FBI Laboratory. The envelopes contained the following
items of evidence:

Federal Aviation Agency Form 7233-1,
pilot's preflight check list, recovered
from UAL Airplane 7426, by [redacted]
[redacted] UAL.

b7C

Dictated hand printing samples obtained from
RICHARD FLOYD MC COY, JR.

b7C [redacted] advised that he was departing Salt
Lake City International Airport from Flight 166, at 8:00 A.M.,
April 9, 1972. Upon arriving in Denver, Colorado, he would turn
the package over to [redacted] UAL, residence
telephone [redacted] Denver, Colorado. He said that he would
instruct [redacted] to turn the package over to a FBI representative,
who would meet him at Dulles International Airport upon arrival
at approximately 2:45 P.M.

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[redacted]
Utah, telephonically advised that he and [redacted] are acquainted with a RICHARD F. MC COY, JR., who is a Vietnam veteran. [redacted] stated that according to [redacted] MC COY has had discussions with several members of the National Guard at the time of previous hijackings. During these discussions, MC COY had pointed out mistakes the previous hijackers had made and had said that if he were to ever get involved with a hijacking, he would ask for \$500,000. [redacted] stated that [redacted] was presently at his and [redacted] home; and they were preparing to go on a National Guard drill. [redacted] was requested to come immediately to the Salt Lake City Office of the FBI for an in depth interview and to bring [redacted] with him. [redacted] and [redacted] agreed to this.

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The following investigation was conducted at Salt Lake City, Utah, by SA [REDACTED] on April 8, 1972:

During the telephone call from [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Salt Lake City, Utah, the information
provided by [REDACTED] was discussed with Assistant Special
Agent in Charge VICTOR R. SCHAEFER by SA [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] concurred that an in depth interview was needed
with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

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[redacted] Salt Lake City, Utah, Utah Highway Patrolman, was interviewed at the Office of the FBI, 125 South State Street, Salt Lake City, Utah.

b7C [redacted] stated that he is a good friend of RICHARD F. MC COY, JR., 360 South 200 East, Provo, Utah, telephone number 375-2930.

[redacted] stated that MC COY is a Brigham Young University (BYU) student, is a sky diver, who jumps out of the Alta Airport in Salt Lake City, Utah, on a regular basis. He is a Vietnam veteran, and has served two years in Vietnam; one year of which was as a helicopter pilot.

b7C [redacted] Approximately three weeks to one month ago, [redacted] and MC COY had a conversation concerning a hijacking of an airplane that had recently taken place. In the discussion of this hijacking, MC COY stated that it would be possible for someone to hijack a plane and get away with it provided he did certain things. One of the things that would be necessary for this person to do would be to have extra parachutes in the plane that could be thrown out while in flight to confuse people. The parachutes would be examined for beepers, and the dummy parachutes would contain the beepers. MC COY also stated that in the recent hijacking, the hijackers did not demand enough money, and that if he were to do it, he would demand at least \$500,000.00.

b7C [redacted] stated that at approximately 9:30 P.M., on the night of April 7, 1972, MC COY's [redacted] name unknown, who lived with MC COY and [redacted] called [redacted] and wanted to know where MC COY was. She wanted to know if MC COY was on a mission of some sort.

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[redacted] stated that he attempted to reach MC COY at approximately 11:30 P.M., and [redacted] answered and stated that MC COY was not home. They discussed the hijacking briefly, and [redacted] stated that she was "scared to death," as MC COY had tried to get her to help him on a hijacking. During this conversation, MC COY's [redacted] stated that [redacted] MC COY had left at approximately 8:00 P.M., and had not returned by 11:30 P.M. to midnight.

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[redacted] stated that MC COY and [redacted] have a lot of money troubles and have argued frequently about this in the past.

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[redacted] stated that he was on duty the entire night of April 7, 1972 - April 8, 1972, with the Utah Highway Patrol, and when he arrived home early in the morning of April 8, 1972, [redacted] told him that MC COY had called at approximately 1:30 A.M., and asked for [redacted]

[redacted] thought it was a little odd that MC COY did not engage her in any type of conversation at all inasmuch as they are fairly close friends and when MC COY found out that [redacted] was not home, he simply hung up the telephone.

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In the discussion concerning hijacking [redacted] said that MC COY talked about any hijacking he would be involved in would be a "big operation." He stated that if the plane that he would be on was being followed by chase planes, he would make it known to these chase planes that he had also planted a bomb on a second plane in order to get them to withdraw. [redacted] also stated that if he ever got the half million dollars, he would leave the country.

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b7C [] added that MC COY flies frequently and is completely familiar with the filling out of the FAA flight plan forms, and because of his association with the military, would have access to these forms. Additionally, MC COY has his own military type flight and jump suits, helmet and jumping boots.

b7C [] stated that in view of MC COY's past military experience in Vietnam, that it would be possible for him to have a grenade and he believes that MC COY does in fact, have several pistols and possibly a rifle.

[] furnished the following background and descriptive data on MC COY:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	29
Height	5' 9" = 5' 10"
Weight	160-165 pounds
Hair	Reddish brown (straggly) medium length
Eyes	Hazel
Remarks	Mild pock marks on cheeks (possibly acne) Sometimes wears reddish brown (walrus type) mustache (had one a week ago) Dimple in chin Bushy eyebrows, brown Sideburns full to bottom of ear, squared off
Voice	High pitched voice when excited.

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Build	Medium above waist; hips and thighs protruding "gorilla type"
Vehicle	1966 four-door Dodge, blue in color; dark green Volkswagen, year unknown
Relatives	Father - JOSEPH MC COY, resides in North Carolina Mother - Name unknown, resides in North Carolina Wife - Name unknown, resides 360 South 200 East, Provo, Utah Children - Two
Military	Currently member of 115th Engineers National Guard Armory, Murray, Utah

MC COY is known to have a green three foot by two foot by fourteen inch almost square piece of luggage, and also a green or bluish gray clothing bag.

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REQUEST FOR SUBJECT'S
MILITARY RECORD

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JLT:dls

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] at Salt Lake City, Utah, on April 8, 1972:

Following the suggestion of the name RICHARD F. MC COY, JR., as a suspect in instant case, SA [redacted] St. Louis Division, was telephonically contacted and was requested to cause an immediate search of any Army records under the name RICHARD F. MC COY, JR. [redacted] was requested to attempt to locate any handprinting and handwriting of MC COY and upon locating this handprinting and handwriting, to immediately advise the Bureau and Salt Lake City of its location. b7C

[redacted] Salt Lake City, Utah, was telephonically contacted at the Army Aviation Center and was requested to obtain the Service Number, Date of Birth and Place of Birth of MC COY. [redacted] advised that MC COY's Service Number was 237662779, his date of birth is December 7, 1942, and place of birth was Kinston, North Carolina. b7C

This information was immediately furnished to SA [redacted], Senior Resident Agent, at the St. Louis Record Center, St. Louis, Missouri. b7C

SA [redacted] St. Louis Division, subsequently telephonically advised the Salt Lake City Division that Army records had been located bearing handprinting and handwriting of RICHARD FLOYD MC COY, JR. SA [redacted] was advised to have these records taken to the Laboratory at FBI Headquarters in Washington, D. C., by an Agent of the St. Louis Division. SA [redacted] stated that these records would be immediately flown as requested. b7C

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PRIOR TO ARREST

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Date 4/8/72

RICHARD F. MC COY, JR. was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agents as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. He was advised he was being questioned concerning the hijacking of a United Airlines passenger plane enroute from Denver, Colorado to Los Angeles, California on April 7, 1972. He was advised of his rights and presented with a waiver of rights form which he executed.

MC COY claimed he had nothing to do with the hijacking and that he was home at 360 South 200 East, Provo, Utah, with his wife on the evening of April 7, 1972. He argued his privacy was being invaded by having to answer questions regarding his activities and said it was no ones business where he was the previous evening.

MC COY was advised that he fit the description of the hijacker's description and was also a qualified pilot and parachutist. He repeated he did not commit the hijacking but did state that he went out to dinner returning home between 11:00 and 11:30 PM.

MC COY was advised that it was reported that his [redacted] was looking for him on the evening of April 7, 1972 and could not find him and that [redacted] had left home at 8:00 PM and that he had not returned home until approximately 1:30 AM on April 8, 1972. MC COY denied that any of the above events occurred. b7C

Additionally MC COY was told he was reported to have talked about how to successfully hijack a plane whereupon he claimed everyone talked about it and it was nothing unusual.

MC COY advised that he would graduate from Brigham Young University (BYU) at Provo, Utah in August of 1972 and received a degree in law enforcement which he would use to obtain a job with the police department to fly helicopters. In view of his education he warned he was well aware of interrogation tactics and could not be intimidated.

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SA [redacted] b7C
by SA [redacted] / DJB:cj Date dictated 4/8/72
SA [redacted]

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It is noted that MC COY was located and the interview commenced at the Army Operations Center, Salt Lake City International Airport, Salt Lake City, Utah. After being approached and the foregoing information furnished, MC COY was asked whether he had an automobile, to which he replied that he had a 1969 Volkswagen, which was parked behind a hangar in the vicinity of the Army Operations Office. The Agents and MC COY proceeded to the vicinity of the automobile where it was requested that permission be granted to search his automobile. He was told that Agents had no right to search his automobile unless he so consented. He advised that he would consent to the search of his automobile and he signed and executed a Consent to Search Form. MC COY personally unlocked the vehicle -- a 1969 green Volkswagen, North Carolina License L 5007 -- and was present during the search. Nothing appearing to be of an evidentiary nature was obtained.

MC COY was carrying a green Army case which he opened and exhibited to the Agents which contained a new military type helmet, olive drab in color.

MC COY stated that he had no objection to photographs being made of him, and he was photographed with a 4 X 5 camera with a Polaroid attachment at the Army Operations Center, Salt Lake City Airport. He agreed and permitted three photographs to be made.

MC COY was asked if he had any objection to completing an interview at the Salt Lake City Office of the FBI. He said no; however, he asked if he had to come and was advised that no he did not, that he was free to come and go at his choosing. He advised that he had no objection to completing the interview at the Salt Lake City Office and he was thereafter transported to the Salt Lake City Office.

At the Salt Lake City Office the interview was continued by SA's [redacted] and [redacted] b7C

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MC COY reiterated that he had not been involved in the hijacking situation, that he had no knowledge thereof and could furnish no information which might be of assistance in this investigation.

MC COY was asked by SA if he would furnish handprinting samples to which he consented. He was furnished several white 3 X 5 cards and it was requested that he handprint a dictated specimen which he did and is as follows: b7C

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EVERY BODY OFF NOW
EXCEPT STEWARDESS
THEY STAY PUT
GET THE HELL
OFF THE (Q1)

BE QUICK ABOUT
IT - USE THIS
RUNWAY

After completion of the above, MC COY said he would furnish no further specimens and desired to see an attorney. The specimens were taken and MC COY insisted that they be returned to him. He was advised that he had voluntarily given these specimens and they would not be returned to him and would be retained by the FBI.

MC COY advised that he would not answer any additional questions concerning the hijacking as he had not been involved.

MC COY noted that he was limping as he had injured his right ankle in a skiing accident with a Brigham Young University ski class two to three weeks ago; however, he declined to give the name of the instructor or information relating to the injury other than to state it had been treated and he had been put in an ankle cast at that time by a doctor at the Brigham Young University Health Clinic, Provo, Utah. He advised that he did not recall the name of the doctor. He advised that he personally, himself, had removed the cast approximately two days ago as he could not fly a helicopter very easily with a cast and he had desired to fly on Saturday, April 8, 1972.

MC COY was requested to exhibit both ankles, which he did do and removed his boots from both feet and stated that his right foot was swollen, which was confirmed by observation. He advised that he had been treated and a cast placed on his right ankle for "pulled tendons or ligaments".

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MC COY stated he did not want to answer any more questions and wanted a lawyer at which time the interview was terminated.

The following background and descriptive data was obtained through observation and interview:

Name	RICHARD FLOYD MC COY, JR.
Race	White
Sex	Male
Nationality	American
Date of Birth	December 7, 1942 (Age 29)
Place of Birth	Kinston, North Carolina
Height	5' 10"
Weight	165 to 170
Hair	Brown, receding, medium length, shaggy in back
Eyes	Blue
Characteristics	8-inch circular scar on left side of nose; 8-inch circular scar on left bicep (both from shrapnel); 1/8 inch circular scar on right inside thigh (from shrapnel)
Peculiarities	Large protruding ears, owns toupe same color as own hair; Has grown walrus type light brown mustache; Has small mole on left cheek
Social Security Number	237-66-2779
Father	[REDACTED]
Step-mother	Raleigh, North Carolina [REDACTED]
Mother	Same Address [REDACTED] Cove City, North Carolina

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Brother

[redacted]
Fort Leonard Wood,
Missouri

Wife

[redacted]
born [redacted]
[redacted]

provo, Utah; employed
at Welfare Department,
Provo, Utah, earning
approximately \$500.00
per month

b7C

Daughter
Son

[redacted] Age [redacted]
[redacted]

Age [redacted]

Weapons

1964 Remington Semi-
automatic 30-06;
1906 Springfield 30-06 bolt;
1964 Browning automatic
12 gauge magnum;
1964 Browning .22 semi-
automatic;
Browning double barrel
12 gauge shotgun;
Mauser 9mm bolt;
No pistols

Education

1961 graduate of Needham
Broughton High School,
Raleigh, North Carolina;
In Fall of 1961 at BYU, Provo,
Utah; Fall of 1965, BYU;
1970 to present at BYU

Military

1962 to 1965 - Regular Army
and Airborne Special Forces
(1964 to June 1965 in
Vietnam);
January 1966 - Army Helicopter
school;
March, 1967 through 1970 -
U. S. Army

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Special Training	Helicopter pilot, teletype operator, demolitions expert and parachutist
Present Military	Warrant Officer, 1457th Engineering Battalion, Headquarters, American Fork, Utah, earning approximately \$500.00 per quarter
Vehicles	1966 gray four-door Plymouth with North Carolina license plates; 1969 green Volkswagen with North Carolina license plates.

MC COY receives G.I. educational benefits in the amount of \$243 per month.

It was also noted that the skin on MC COY's right index finger was up over the fingernail, appearing the fingernail was bitten or broken below the end of the index finger.

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Date 4/10/72P. 1

b7C RICHARD FLOYD MC COY, JR., was interviewed at his residence, 306 South 2nd East, Provo, Utah. MC COY was advised by SA [] of his rights as shown on an executed Warning and Waiver Form which he read and signed. He was also advised of the nature of the inquiry, the extortion from an interstate carrier. He said he understood his rights and the nature of the inquiry and advised as follows:

He formerly had a wig or hairpiece which did not fit and has since been discarded. The hairpiece kept slipping up on his head and did not fit.

He has several shrapnel scars on his body and one scar on his face which is about 1/4 inch in diameter located on his left cheek near the base of his nose and which is noticeable.

MC COY's hands were clean in appearance and his fingernails were cut short and contained black dirt or material. His hands were smooth in texture.

MC COY was asked if he had a typewriter and [] immediately produced an electric Smith-Corona from [] which typewriter samples were taken. This is the only typewriter he acknowledged to have. b7C

During the interview with MC COY, it was noticed that he talked with a noticeable lisp or speech impediment. He rolled his tongue when attempting to pronounce certain words.

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by SA [] SA [] CBE / deb Date dictated 4/9 /72

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OBSERVATION OF SUBJECT'S RESIDENCE
DURING NIGHT OF APRIL 8 AND
MORNING OF APRIL 9, 1972

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/12/72P. 1

At approximately 1:30 A.M., observation was established at the residence of RICHARD FLOYD MC COY, JR., 360 South 200 East, by the following Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation:

SA
SA
SA
SA
SA
SA
SA
SA

b7C

At 2:58 A.M., SA [] strolled near the above residence, and it was noted there was movement at what appeared to be the curtain of the frontroom of the residence. The movement was at the lower portion of the window indicating the person observing SA [] was in all probability sitting in a chair. No individual was observed.

b7C

At approximately 5:15 A.M., ASAC VICTOR R. SCHAEFER and SA's [] and [] also observed the residence described above.

No other activity was noted other than that mentioned above.

At 5:37 A.M., observation of the residence was discontinued.

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by SA [] / deb b7C Date dictated 4/12/72

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IDENTIFICATION OF SUBJECT
THROUGH FINGERPRINT AND
HAND WRITING EXAMINATIONS

SU 164-36

By communication dated April 9, 1972, the Bureau advised that two latent fingerprints were developed on the back of the "Mainliner" magazine marked Seat 20D, and from the envelope that was submitted, four have been identified as the fingerprints of RICHARD FLOYD MC COY, JR., Army Service Number RA 14796789.

On April 9, 1972, a telephone call was received by the Salt Lake City Office from the Document Examiner at the FBI Laboratory, [REDACTED] who advised that the handwriting on the note given the stewardess by the subject was compared with the handwriting on the military record of RICHARD FLOYD MC COY, JR. and they were found to be identical.

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COMPLAINT

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by SAC RUSSELL P. CALAME
On April 9, 1972, this matter was discussed with
United States Attorney [redacted] Salt Lake City, Utah,
who authorized filing of a complaint charging RICHARD FLOYD
MC COY, JR. with violation of Section 1472(i)(1), Title 49,
United States Code, Aircraft Piracy; and Section 1472(j),
Title 49, United States Code, Interference With Flight
Attendant.

Following is a copy of the Complaint authorized
by United States Attorney [redacted]

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[redacted] The above complaint was filed by SA [redacted]
[redacted] on April 9, 1972, before U. S. Magistrate A. M.
FERRO. at Salt Lake City, Utah. United States Attorney C.
[redacted] recommended no bail.

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ARREST OF SUBJECT

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date of transcription 4/12/72

At 5:37 AM, the residence of RICHARD FLOYD MC COY, JR., 360 South 2nd East, Provo, Utah, was approached by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

MC COY was arrested at the front door of his house by Assistant Special Agent in Charge VICTOR R. SCHAEFER, and Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted]. He was searched, handcuffed and transported to an FBI automobile by ASAC SCHAEFER and SA [redacted]. He was immediately advised as to the Federal charges against him and his rights as set forth in a warning and waiver form. He acknowledged his rights but refused to make any statement or to sign the warning form. He stated that he did not have an attorney and requested that he be provided with one as soon as possible. He was told that he was being taken to Salt Lake City, Utah, and that arrangements for an attorney would be made after arrival in that city.

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MC COY was transported to Salt Lake City, Utah, by ASAC VICTOR R. SCHAEFER, SA [redacted] and SA [redacted].

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The following Special Agents participated in the arrest and were assigned specific positions around the house at the time of the arrest: [redacted]

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[redacted] and [redacted]

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by SA [redacted] lbp Date dictated 4/12/72

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INTERVIEW OF SUBJECT AFTER ARREST
AND
ARRAIGNMENT BEFORE U. S. MAGISTRATE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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At 6:50 A.M., RICHARD FLOYD MC COY, JR., was brought into the interview room of the FBI Office where an interview was commenced with him by SA [redacted] who had previously interviewed MC COY and with whom MC COY was now personally acquainted, and ASAC VICTOR R. SCHAEFER. The identity of both SCHAEFER and [redacted] was again given to MC COY and he was again advised of his rights and attempts were made to give him an interview form. He declined to take it, stating that he did not intend to discuss the matter prior to obtaining of an attorney and that he would not read or sign anything. He was furnished a telephone book and a telephone to call an attorney; however, he declined to do so at this instance, stating that he did not know an attorney whom he desired to call.

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He subsequently requested to call [redacted]. He was granted this permission and called [redacted] from the FBI Office in the presence of SA [redacted] after he requested that one of the Agents depart. He was overheard to tell his wife that he was in custody and that he had been arrested for the hijacking of the aircraft. He told her that she should remain at the residence and not permit anyone in the house or to search the house without a search warrant, and that should a search warrant be served, she should remain there with the searching Agents. The person to whom he was talking, whose identity he indicated to be his wife, was advised that even if they searched the house they would not find anything in the house. He asked her about an attorney and a change of clothing.

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After the termination of the telephone conversation, he asked as to when he would appear before a U. S. Magistrate. He was advised that arrangements had been made and the Magistrate would be made immediately available to him. SA [redacted] came into the interview room where he advised MC COY that the U. S. Magistrate had been contacted and would be in his office at 8:00 A.M. MC COY advised that

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he would await his appearance before the U. S. Magistrate and that he would accept the court-appointed attorney as he did not feel he had the funds to employ one.

MC COY reached over to the desk and picked up the Waiver of Rights Form which he proceeded to look at and throw down on the table. He was again asked if he understood his rights and he said he did, having been a law enforcement student at Brigham Young University. The information that he declined to sign the Waiver was written upon it at this time, at which time MC COY picked up the form and read it and again tossed it down on the table.

MC COY refused to comment concerning the hijacking, and while waiting notification and the arrival of the U. S. Magistrate at his office, received and talked with his wife via telephone and called her again. He was continually apprised of his rights, of the availability of the telephone at any time he might desire so that he could employ an attorney. He reiterated on several occasions that he would await his hearing before the U. S. Magistrate. He declined to discuss the details of the hijacking, after participation or any information as to the whereabouts of the money.

The interview was terminated at 8:00 A.M., at which time he left the office in the custody of SA [redacted] and SAC RUSSELL P. CALAME.

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RICHARD FLOYD MC COY, JR., was transported in Bureau Car No. 1 to the U. S. Post Office at 4th South and Main Street, Salt Lake City, and then to the U. S. Magistrate's Office which is located in Room 209. He was then released to the custody of the U. S. Marshal [redacted] and formal charges were read to him by U. S. Magistrate A. M. FERRO, at which time MC COY requested a court-appointed attorney and he was remanded to the custody of the U. S. Marshal and confined in the Salt Lake County Jail, after the U. S. Magistrate advised that he is not entitled to bond.

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SEARCH WARRANT

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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The following Search Warrant was issued on April 9, 1972, by U. S. Magistrate A. M. FERRO, entitled "United States of America vs. RICHARD FLOYD MC COY, JR., Commissioner's Docket No. F72, Case No. 43":

"To Special Agent [redacted] Federal Bureau of Investigation, and any other authorized Agent of the FBI.

"Affidavit having been made before me by Special Agent [redacted] that he has reason to believe that on the premises known as residence premises of RICHARD FLOYD McCOY, JR., at 360 South 200 East Street, Provo, Utah, including all areas of the home, garage, any and all other buildings, and all grounds, trees, shrubs in areas of such premises, in the Central Division, District of Utah, there is now being concealed certain property, namely, grenades and grenade pins, hand guns, bullets, parachutes and parachute beepers, jump suit, a black hard jump hat or helmet, blue luggage bag, \$500,000.00 in currency, two North Star Altimeters mounted on Valcro wrist mounts, one 6"x6"x5" white cardboard box, articles of clothing, including a blue men's suit, blue navy trousers, blue sport coat with stripes, pink modern type shirt, flowered shirt, blue socks, two-tone blue with gray square-toed shoes or two-tone blue with brown shoes, silver or chrome wrist watch, small yellow pad, yellow papers, FAA flight plans Form 7233, typewriters, pens, pencils, flight maps or aeronautical maps, airline ticket receipts or stubs, luggage tags, mirrored sunglasses, wigs, false mustaches, broken pieces of mirror, Manila envelopes, small black suitcase; two brief cases, black or tan; black gloves, which are instrumentalities and fruits of the aircraft piracy and the interference with flight attendant, which occurred on April 7, 1972, on Unital Air Lines Flight 855, at and within

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the Central Division of the District of Utah, and as I am satisfied that there is probable cause to believe that the property so described is being concealed on the premises above described and that the foregoing grounds for application for issuance of the search warrant exist.

"You are hereby commanded to search forthwith the place named for the property specified, serving this warrant and making the search in the daytime and if the property be found there to seize it, leaving a copy of this warrant and a receipt for the property taken, and prepare a written inventory of the property seized and return this warrant and bring the property before me within ten days of this date, as required by law.

"Dated this 9th day of April, 1972.

"/s/ A. M. FERRO

"A. M. FERRO, U. S. Magistrate"

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RETURN OF SEARCH WARRANT

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Date 4/12/72

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The following items, under the authority of a Search Warrant signed on April 9, 1972, by U. S. Magistrate A. M. FERRO at Salt Lake City, Utah, were seized from the premises of RICHARD FLOYD MC COY, JR., at 360 South 200 East Street, Provo, Utah:

1. One (1) men's brown striped sport coat, with Alexandre label.
2. One (1) men's Rolex Osterdate watch, silver in color, with inscription R. F. McCoy, Raleigh, North Carolina.
3. One (1) electric Smith-Corona typewriter, in case, with No. MIL-I-16910, Serial No. 6SE 217681.
4. One (1) electric Smith-Corona typewriter, in case, Model Electra 120, No. MIL-I-16910, Serial No. 6LEV-121748.
5. One (1) green military-type flight suit, with two serial flare cartridges in pocket.
6. One (1) military flight suit, green in color, Type No. CWU 1/P.
7. One (1) black parachute harness, manufactured by Security Parachute Company, Inc., San Leandro, California.
8. One (1) parachute, blue and white, some red trim.
9. One (1) military canvas green bag, manufactured by Eastern Canvas Products, Inc., 11/1963, No. 8460-606-8366.

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by SA [redacted] SA [redacted] SA [redacted] SA [redacted] b7C
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10. One (1) black helmet, crash-type, with white strap snap-on back.
11. One (1) military green helmet, jump type.
12. One (1) large cardboard box, containing various items of clothing, a pistol, holster, and a black glove.
13. Also located in the cardboard box was United States currency, almost all in bank straps and some loose currency, totaling \$499,970.00.

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The following Amended Return on Search Warrant signed by U. S. Magistrate A. M. FERRO at Salt Lake City, Utah, on April 9, 1972, was made:

1. One (1) men's brown striped sport coat, with Alexandre label.
2. One (1) men's Rolex Osterdate watch, silver in color, with inscription R. F. McCoy, Raleigh, North Carolina.
3. One (1) electric Smith-Corona typewriter, in case, with No. MIL-I-16910.
4. One (1) electric Smith-Corona typewriter, in case, Model Electra 120, No. MIL-I-16910.
5. One (1) green military-type flight suit, with two aerial flare cartridges in pocket.
6. One (1) military flight suit, green in color, Type No. CWU 1/P.
7. One (1) black parachute harness, manufactured by Security Parachute Company, Inc., San Leandro, California.
8. One (1) parachute, blue and white, some red trim.
9. One (1) military canvas green bag, manufactured by Eastern Canvass Products, Inc., 11/1963, No. 8460-606-8366.
10. One (1) black helmet, crash type, with white strap snap-on back.
11. One (1) military green helmet, jump type.

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12. One (1) large cardboard box, containing various items of clothing, a pistol, holster, and a black glove.
13. Also located in the cardboard box was United States currency, almost all in bank straps and some loose currency, totaling \$499,970.00..
14. Also located in the cardboard box was a military pineapple-type grenade, green and yellow in color, with pin and spoon removed.

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The following corrected amended return on search warrant was filed with the U. S. Magistrate A. M. FERRO at Salt Lake City, Utah, on April 11, 1972:

"FBI Agents seized the following items under the authority of a Search Warrant signed on April 9, 1972, by U. S. Magistrate A. M. Ferro at Salt Lake City, Utah. These items were seized from the premises of Richard Floyd McCoy, Jr., at 360 South 200 East Street, Provo, Utah.

- "1 Men's brown striped sports coat, with Alexandre label.
- "1 Men's Rolex Oysterdate watch, silver in color, with inscription R. F. McCoy, Raleigh, North Carolina.
- "1 Electric Smith-Corona typewriter, in case, with Serial Number 6SE217681, Model Number MIL-I-16910.
- "1 Electric Smith-Corona typewriter, in case, with Serial Number 6LEV121748, Model Electra 120 Number MIL-I-16910.
- "1 Green military type flight suit, with 2 aerial flare cartridges in pocket.
- "1 Military flight suit, green in color, Type Number CWU 1/P.
- "1 Black parachute harness, manufactured by Security Parachute Company, Inc., San Leandro, California
- "1 Parachute, blue and white, some red trim.
- "1 Military canvas green bag, manufactured by Eastern Canvass Products, Inc., 11/1963, Number 8460-606-8366.

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"1 Black helmet, crash type, with white strap snap-on back.

"1 Military green helmet, jump type.

"1 Large cardboard box containing various items of clothing, a pistol, holster, and a black glove.

"Also located in the cardboard box was United States currency, almost all in bank straps and some loose currency, totaling \$499,970.00.

"Also located in the cardboard box was a military pineapple-type grenade, green and yellow in color, with pin and spoon removed."

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A plastic sack containing approximately 40 pounds of currency in various denominations was turned over to the reporting Agent by Special Agent in Charge RUSSELL P. CALAME.

Present at this time was Special Agent [redacted]
[redacted] This money was taken to the Agents' room and Special
Agents [redacted] and
[redacted] were called in to assist in the fine counting
of the currency bundles.

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In the process of removing the currency from the plastic bag, a hand grenade was discovered at the bottom of the bag. Also located at the bottom of the bag was a clip containing .45 caliber cartridges.

Special Agent in Charge CALAME took immediate possession of the hand grenade and cartridges, and placed these items in the gun vault.

The first rough count indicated approximately \$501,000 in currency. This estimate was based on the number of whole complete bundles, and an estimate of the number of loose currency bundle straps. These currency bundle straps were in a highly mutilated condition and no attempt was made at this time to piece these straps together in order to preserve the straps for possible fingerprint identification.

The first fine count of the currency indicated the following:

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<u>Denomination</u>	<u>No. of Bundles</u>	<u>No. of Bills Per Bundle</u>	<u>Dollar Value Per Bundle</u>	<u>Total Dollar Value</u>
\$ 50.00 Bills	10	100	\$5,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
\$100.00 Bills	40	50	5,000.00	200,000.00
\$ 20.00 Bills	99	100	2,000.00	198,000.00
\$ 20.00 Bills	1	99	1,980.00	1,980.00
\$ 10.00 Bills	49	100	1,000.00	49,000.00
\$ 10.00 Bills	<u>1</u>	99	990.00	<u>990.00</u>
TOTAL	<u>150</u>			<u>\$499,970.00</u>

Subsequent to the first fine count, a second fine count was made and indicated the same total dollar value as the first fine count. After the second fine count, the currency was placed in the safe of the Special Agent in Charge.

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A quantity of currency previously placed in the safe of the Special Agent in Charge of the office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, 125 South State Street, Salt Lake City, Utah, by Special Agent [redacted] was obtained and counted. All bundles were counted to determine number of bills and also a determination was made as to number of bundles. The results of this count are shown below:

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<u>Denomination</u>	<u>No. of Bundles</u>	<u>No. of Bills Per Bundle</u>	<u>Dollar Value Per Bundle</u>	<u>Total Dollar Value</u>
\$ 50.00 Bills	10	100	\$5,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
\$100.00 Bills	40	50	5,000.00	200,000.00
\$ 20.00 Bills	99	100	2,000.00	198,000.00
\$ 20.00 Bills	1	99	1,980.00	1,980.00
\$ 10.00 Bills	49	100	1,000.00	49,000.00
\$ 10.00 Bills	<u>1</u>	99	990.00	<u>990.00</u>
TOTAL	<u>150</u>			<u>\$499,970.00</u>

Following the count of the currency, the currency was placed in the safe of the Special Agent in Charge in the presence of Special Agent [redacted] and the safe was locked.

Assisting in the above fine counting was Special Clerk [redacted]

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SEARCH OF 1969 VOLKSWAGEN,
1972 NORTH CAROLINA LICENSE L5007

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/12/72

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A 1969 Volkswagen, motor number 119177108, bearing 1972 North Carolina license L5007, was the subject of a search behind the residence at 360 South 2nd East, Provo, Utah. This search was based on a search warrant issued by the United States District Court, A. M. FERRO, Magistrate, April 9, 1972, at Salt Lake City, Utah. The search commenced at 2:15 p.m. and continued until 4:00 p.m. During the period of the search the following things were noted:

The vehicle was a dark green Volkswagen with a sun roof. The mileage at the time of the inspection was 61861. It was noted the vehicle had a Duro-glass lined rear window, and it bore four 155 X 15 X A's Michelin radial tires. The rear window bore a Brigham Young University (BYU) Security Office parking permit number P2320, issued March 23, 1972. It also bore BYU parking permit B14244 which was due to expire May 31, 1972.

It was noted in inspection of the interior of the vehicle a portion of the Salt Lake City, Utah, Tribune newspaper, dated April 8, 1972, was located on a tray directly under the glove box. This newspaper was opened to page two and had been folded to reveal the story of a hijacked airplane from Denver, Colorado, in which the hijacker was believed to have jumped in the Provo, Utah, area, with \$500,000. This item was retained.

There was also a note in the tray under the glove box indicating RICHARD FLOYD McCOY, JR., has a bank account with the Provo, Utah, Branch of Walker Bank, account number 1243-0018-4117-6670.

Also located was an invoice from the BYU Health Center, dated March 21, 1972, indicating McCOY, student number 068365, had been admitted to the Health Center at 5:10 p.m., on March 21, 1972; and he had been checked by who X-rayed McCOY's right ankle.

A notation was found in the vehicle that McCOY had attended the Army Helicopter School at Fort Rucker, Alabama, date not shown.

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A white piece of paper with the note "[redacted]"
[redacted]". A second note was found indicating
[redacted]". Papers were located in the vehicle
which indicated the Volkswagen was registered to RICHARD
FLOYD McCOY, JR., address given as 861 Wimbleton Drive, Raleigh,
North Carolina. Also there was a portion of a claim check
dated February 18, 1972, from Pascoe Clothiers and Tailors,
city not shown. This claim check was for a jacket and showed
the name McCOY.

Located and removed from behind the driver's seat
on the floor was a cloth bag containing a flight helmet.
This item was identified and removed from the vehicle.

Soil samples were also obtained from the floor of
the vehicle on the driver's side, from the door jam of the
vehicle on the driver's side and from the underside of the
fender on the front left portion of the vehicle.

There was nothing further of evidentiary value
found in the Volkswagen.

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INTERVIEW OF SUBJECT'S

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[REDACTED]

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[redacted] was interviewed at the residence of [redacted]. She was advised that she was being interviewed concerning her knowledge of a hijacking of a United Airlines passenger plane en route from Denver, Colorado, to Los Angeles, California, on April 7, 1972. She advised she was aware that her [redacted] RICHARD F. MC COY, JR., had been arrested after being charged with hijacking. [redacted] was advised that she was not being interviewed as a suspect in the hijacking, however, if at any time she wished to terminate the interview, she could do so if she desired. b7C

She advised that RICHARD F. MC COY, JR. is married to [redacted] and [redacted] has been [redacted] at the residence located at 360 South 200 East, Provo, Utah, for about one year. b7C

[redacted] advised she was not surprised when RICHARD MC COY was arrested for the hijacking because he had discussed with her on previous occasions his possible participation in a hijacking. She stated that after the hijacking committed by an individual using the name [redacted] which occurred in the fall of 1971, in the Western part of the United States, RICHARD MC COY had discussed this matter at length in her presence and had analysed that hijacking, commenting that if he had committed that hijacking, he would never have been caught because the FBI was not prepared for that case and that since that time the airlines have utilized "beepers" on the parachutes and have taken other steps to discourage hijackings. b7C

For some time after the [redacted] hijacking, RICHARD MC COY discussed with her a hypothetical hijacking plan including improvements from the COOPER hijacking; such as (1) he indicated he would ask for one-half million dollars, (2) he would utilize his own parachute instead to avoid the use of "beepers," (3) he would not be observed by the pilot or anyone in the cockpit, (4) he would not spend any of the hijack loot for many years because it would be "marked" with a substance that would be visible by use of an ultraviolet b7C

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light, and (5) he would not spend any of the money for many years because he believed he could not be prosecuted after seven years after the crime had been committed.

b7C [redacted] recalled that RICHARD had discussed in general terms a plan for hijacking a plane with a friend of his, [redacted] who works for the Utah Highway Patrol and works with RICHARD MC COY in a unit of the Utah National Guard in Salt Lake City, Utah. She stated she has been present when they have discussed the hypothetical hijacking, and it is her opinion that the conversations were a result of recent news items concerning hijackings, that they talked in general terms concerning this but did not appear to have been planning an actual hijacking.

b7C [redacted] advised she does not recall specifically when and where these discussions were held, but she does recall the two having discussed a hypothetical hijacking in her presence.

[redacted] advised she recalls that about one month ago RICHARD while discussing hijackings advised that he had a "fool proof" hijacking plan and that if she would assist him in the plan he would pay her \$50,000. She stated that he advised her that her participation would consist of picking him up after he parachuted from the plane. [redacted]

b7C [redacted] advised that she was uncertain as to how serious RICHARD was at this time but that she advised that she did not wish to participate in the plan. She stated that at this time he indicated he would hijack a plane from California and parachute from the plane somewhere in Nevada. She stated he did not elaborate on this plan and she did not inquire further into his plan because she did not consider at any time participating in such a venture. She had asked RICHARD what would happen if they got caught, and he stated he felt his plan was "fool proof" but that if he should be caught he would shoot himself rather than be taken into custody. This proposal made by RICHARD was in the presence of RICHARD's [redacted] who indicated that if he was serious she did not "want any part of such a scheme."

With respect to the parachuting activities [redacted] [redacted] as a hobby, [redacted] was asked if she recalled specifically seeing any equipment in their home. She pointed out that about April 4, 1972, she recalled that RICHARD was in his room with the door shut and as she attempted to enter the room RICHARD appeared to be reluctant to let her in. When he finally consented to let her in, she observed that he had a black helicopter type helmet which he had just finished painting black. She recalled having seen this helmet before when it was green in color. RICHARD displayed the helmet to her and asked her what she thought of the color. She recalled that she had no opinion and nothing more was said concerning this matter.

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[redacted] was asked if RICHARD had recently had a cast on one of his legs, and she indicated that he had about two to three weeks ago incurred a skiing injury which necessitated a cast being placed on one of his legs from the knee downward. She stated it was a walking cast which he wore for about two weeks, and on either Wednesday, April 5, or Thursday, April 6, she noticed that RICHARD had had the cast removed.

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[redacted] was asked if she had knowledge that RICHARD had ever used a hairpiece or fake mustache, and she indicated that she believed he had a hairpiece about the color of his light brown hair that he rarely wore. She stated that he had worn a full brushy mustache until April 6, 1972, when she noticed that he had shaven the mustache off on that date.

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With regard to [redacted] activities on Friday, April 7, 1972, she stated that she arose early and left the MC COY residence at about 6:30 a.m. for her job at the Village Inn Restaurant in Provo where she is a waitress. She stated that when she left she assumed that RICHARD and [redacted] were in bed and that they were not up when she arose. She stated she remained at work and did not return to the residence that day until about 3:30 or 4:00 p.m. She stated that neither Mr. or Mrs. MC COY were home at that time and she believed he was at a National Guard meeting because the

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previous evening he had advised her he had guard duty on Friday. She stated that [redacted] arrived home from work between 4:00 and 5:00 p.m. and that she [redacted] later went out for supper. [redacted] stated that after supper she returned to [redacted] She stated she did not wish to comment concerning the whereabouts of [redacted] during the evening of April 7, 1972.

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b7C [redacted] stated that some time during the evening she heard a news broadcast that a plane had been hijacked and the hijacker was possibly in the Utah area. Her immediate reaction was that RICHARD was involved since he was not home at the time and in view of his having discussed the possibility of participating in a hijacking.

[redacted] advised that about 11:20 p.m. she received a telephone call [redacted]. She stated [redacted] indicated concern that RICHARD might have been involved in the hijacking, and she also expressed similar concern. She advised [redacted] that RICHARD had not returned to his residence. She stated that about twenty minutes later [redacted] again telephoned her, and she again advised him that [redacted] had not yet returned.

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[redacted] advised that about 12:15 a.m. on Saturday, April 8, 1972, RICHARD MC COY arrived at his residence alone. She stated he was dressed in a suit and had nothing with him except a cup containing a soft drink. She stated she immediately accused RICHARD of his involvement in the hijacking, and he denied he had been involved. [redacted] was asked if [redacted] was home at the time, and she stated she did not wish to comment concerning [redacted] activities during the night of April 7, 1972. She stated she retired for the night.

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[redacted] advised that on Saturday, April 8, 1972, she became aware that RICHARD MC COY was considered a suspect in the hijacking in that Agents of the FBI had appeared at the MC COY residence making inquiries concerning RICHARD.

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[] advised that she was aware that RICHARD had been interviewed in Salt Lake City by FBI Agents at the FBI Office. She stated she traveled with [] to Salt Lake City to pick RICHARD up at the FBI Office. During the afternoon of April 8, 1972, after RICHARD left the FBI Office in the Federal Building, he returned to Provo accompanied by his wife, their children and [] b7C

[] stated that immediately upon departing from the Federal Building in Salt Lake City, RICHARD severely reprimanded her for having commented to [] that she suspected that he was involved in the hijacking since he had not returned home the night of the incident. He stated "that loud mouthed [] had notified the FBI" that he suspected he was involved. Upon leaving the Federal Building, prior to returning to Provo, they drove to the National Guard Armory adjacent to the Salt Lake City Airport and RICHARD inquired as to the whereabouts of [] Upon learning that [] was aboard a helicopter, RICHARD by radio within her hearing told [] "thanks a lot loud mouth," to which [] answered "I don't know what you're talking about." RICHARD then stated "you know what I mean, loud mouth," and [] answered "negative." [] stated that RICHARD later learned that [] was piloting a plane accompanied by U. S. Senator FRANK MOSS. b7C

Upon returning to the MC COY residence at Provo, [] questioned RICHARD concerning his involvement in the hijacking and RICHARD admitted to her that he alone committed the hijacking. He stated to her in the presence of [] that if [] kept "her mouth shut" she would be set, but that "if you say anything to anyone, I will shoot you." She stated that he did not elaborate concerning the hijacking, except he mentioned that he had parachuted out of the plane with a parachute with a "beeper." She stated that he also said that if he could burn the money that he had received from the hijacking, he would do so because he was now so concerned. She stated RICHARD did not indicate where he landed after he parachuted from the plane, and he did not tell her where the money was located. b7C

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[redacted] was asked if RICHARD had a handgun of any type and she stated that he did have a black handgun. From her description of a square type barrel rather than a round or pipe type barrel and by diagrams she described the handgun as an automatic type.

When asked why [redacted] might have been involved in the hijacking, if in fact he was involved, she stated that she feels that one reason he might have considered the hijacking was because of the challenge of it, and he was the type of person that wanted to excel in things and would ask for an amount more than anyone had ever asked for. She stated he and his wife have been having marital problems and these problems have involved financial problems. b7C

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The following background data and description were obtained from [redacted] when interviewed on April 8, 1972, by SAs [redacted] and [redacted] b7C

Name	[redacted]
Race	White
Sex	Female
Nationality	American
Date of Birth	[redacted]
Place of Birth	Wilkesburg, Pennsylvania
Residence	[redacted] Provo, Utah, [redacted]

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Social Security
Account Number
Parents

[redacted]
Father - Deceased
Mother - [redacted]

Employment

Ohio
Waitress, Village Inn
Restaurant, Provo, Utah
High school graduate

Education

Photographs of [redacted] were taken by SA [redacted]

[redacted]
On April 8, 1972, [redacted] Provo Credit Bureau advised her files reflect that RICHARD L. MC COY, JR., [redacted] resides [redacted] Provo, Utah. [redacted] b7C
[redacted] is employed at the Division of Family Services, Provo, Utah, and an inquiry was made by [redacted] at the Walker Bank, Provo, (bank card department) on April 30, 1972. No other items appear in the MC COY file.

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IDENTIFICATION OF SUBJECT

BY

[REDACTED]

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By communication dated April 8, 1972, the San Francisco Office of the FBI advised that [redacted] furnished the following information voluntarily after having been advised of the personal and official identity of the interviewing Special Agent, as well as after having been advised of his constitutional rights: b7C

[redacted] advised that during 1970, he was serving time for escape at the Deuel Vocational Institute, Tracy, California. On October 6, 1971, he walked away from the above facility. He stated that on April 7, 1972, he was in the process of being extradicted from Denver, Colorado, back to Los Angeles, California, where he was to be reassigned to a correctional facility in California. b7C

[redacted] said that at approximately 2:30 PM, April 7, 1972, he, in the custody of [redacted] Department of Corrections, State of California, boarded a United Air Lines flight in Denver, Colorado, enroute to Los Angeles. He said he and [redacted] were seated in Row [redacted] in the tourist section of the airplane on the left hand side. He advised he and [redacted] and a wheelchair passenger boarded the aircraft before any of the other passengers, and that after all the other passengers had boarded the plane, a stewardess, over the public address system, asked if anyone had lost a manila envelope, at which time a male passenger who was located in the rest room stepped out of the rest room momentarily and advised the stewardess the envelope belonged to him. At that time, the envelope was handed to this individual and he returned to the rest room. b7C

As the plane was getting ready to leave the airport, one of the stewardesses went back to the rest room to ask the above-mentioned individual to come out of the rest room and return to his seat. It appeared the passenger was reluctant to leave the rest room. At that time, a male employee on the airplane came back to the rest room and was successful in getting the above individual to leave the rest room and take his seat, which was in Row 20 on the right side of the plane next to the window. A short time later, the plane became airborne. At that time, [redacted] observed the previously mentioned individual b7C

acting nervously and appearing to be playing with his coat as if he might have a gun underneath it. He said he alerted [] to this individual's activities.

b7C A short time later, according to [] a gray haired man with a mustache, believed to be an airlines employee, came back to the area where this individual, who was subsequently known to be the hijacker, was seated. He engaged the hijacker in conversation, at which time the hijacker motioned with his finger for the gray haired man to return to the front of the plane. A short time later, a male voice announced over the public address system that due to mechanical difficulties with the hydraulic system, the plane would be landing in Grand Junction, Colorado.

[] said he continued to observe the hijacker who would periodically ring the service bell, at which times different stewardesses would come back to the hijacker and be furnished notes by him. He estimated this occurred eight or ten times. Eventually the pilot announced that the plane would not be going to Los Angeles as scheduled but would be going to San Francisco.

b7C [] stated that a short distance out of San Francisco, the pilot announced that the plane would not be going to the normal unloading area as all areas were being utilized. He stated that the plane, after landing, was parked in a position away from the airline terminal. A short time later, a stewardess came back to the area where he and [] were seated and requested that [] as well as the other passenger seated in Row [] move to the front of the plane. She also made this request of a woman and young child seated directly behind []

b7C Throughout this activity, [] observed the hijacker seated across from him holding a hand granade with the pin removed. After the people around him had been moved to the front of the plane, the hijacker took a seat directly behind [] in Row []. A short time later, he handed over the back of the seat a note which said "Go up and see the captain". [] said he went up to the front of the plane, at which time the captain advised him he was the one who would get the money.

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He said he was also given a baggage claim receipt, number 612333, and that the hijacker requested that a large blue piece of luggage be brought back onto the plane.

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At that point, [] and an airlines employee left the plane, retrieved two briefcases, one black and one tan, and a couple of other items believed to be parachutes. They boarded the plane and took the above items to the rest room in the rear of the plane. He and the airlines employee then returned back outside the plane, retrieved the large blue piece of luggage, which was approximately three and one-half feet by three feet, as well as a couple of other pieces of equipment believed to be additional parachutes, and also took these items to the rear of the plane. They then returned to the captain's cabin. A few moments later, he and all the other passengers were allowed to leave the aircraft.

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[] said he did not know the hijacker and does not recall ever having seen him before. He did not notice any other individuals whom he believed to be involved in the hijacking.

He described the hijacker as a white male, 34 to 35 years, five feet eight inches to five feet nine inches, 165 to 170 pounds, medium build, wearing a dark wig which came to the eyebrow level and also combed back around over his ears. He was wearing mirror-type sunglasses, dark pants and a dark colored jacket. He was also wearing a fake mustache, had sideburns down to the middle of his face curving toward the mouth about one inch and was squared off. [] believed this individual's hair to be dark brown; stated he was wearing gloves, golf type, black in color, which were open on top with a snap.

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RECOVERY OF PARACHUTE,
SERIAL NUMBER 67171

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/9/72

[redacted], Utah County Sheriff's Office, Provo, Utah, advised as follows:

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[redacted] is holding as evidence at the Utah County Jail, Provo, a 24-inch Reserve parachute bearing the date of April 7, 1972, and the name of Stevens Para-Loft, School of Sport Parachuting, Building 727, Oakland Municipal Airport. The rigger was listed as [redacted], under whose name appears the number 1510961. The "T. O. Record" was shown to be [redacted]. The manufacturer was listed as Pioneer, Serial Number 171. The type of parachute was shown to be 24-foot chest, from the School of Sport Parachuting, Oakland Municipal Airport, Box 2553, Oakland, California. May, 1967, was shown as the date of manufacture of the parachute. The parachute, which is in a packed condition, is approximately 8 inches by 16 inches by 6 inches in size and the cover is olive green in color.

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The chute was found by [redacted] age [redacted] [redacted] Springville, Utah, at about 2:45 P.M., April 9, 1972. At the time he found it, he was in the company of his parents, [redacted] had stopped his car to repair a flat tire. [redacted] found the parachute under a steel culvert at 4th South about one mile west of the 4th South railroad overpass. It was found on the south side of the road at the location where the culvert enters a farm on which a new barn has been constructed. [redacted] obtained the parachute from [redacted] and his parents at the above-mentioned [redacted] residence during the afternoon of April 9, 1972.

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A brief further search of the area by [redacted] did not reveal any additional items.

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[redacted] Utah County Sheriff's Office.
Provo, Utah, furnished to Special Agent [redacted] b7C
a parachute which is being held as evidence.

The parachute cover is drab olive green in color, and bears the following stamp:

"PARACHUTE 24 FT. CHEST RESERVE
PART NO. 4817156-2
MFG. BY IRVING AIR CHUTE CO., INC.
CONTRACT NO. F41608-67-C-2780"

On the other side of the parachute appears the following stamp:

"PACK PART NO. 56J6092
DATE OF MFR. MAY 1967
MFD BY IRVING AIR CHUTE CO., INC.
CONTRACT NO. F41-303-67-2786"

Noted on the bottom of the parachute was serial number 67-171.

Inside a pocket in the parachute was a record log of the School of Sport Parachuting, Oakland Municipal Airport, Box 2553, Oakland, California, which shows the owner of the parachute as Stevens Para-Loft. The manufacturer was listed as "Pioneer," and bore serial number 171, and type as twenty-four inch chest. The record log showed the date of April 7, 1972; the place as Stevens Para-Loft; the inspector as [redacted] and the rigger as number 1510961; and T.O. record as [redacted] b7C

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WITNESSES DEVELOPED AT
HI-SPOT DRIVE-IN,
SPRINGVILLE, UTAH

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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[redacted] at [redacted] b7C
" Springville High School, was interviewed at her residence,
[redacted] phone [redacted]

She advised that on Friday evening, April 7, 1972, she was working the window as a waitress at the Hi-Spot Drive-in on the northwest corner of 400 South Street and Main in Springville. She advised that at approximately midnight, an individual came to her window and asked for a large size chocolate malt, which she made for him and charged him 50 cents. She stated the individual remarked how inexpensive the malt was, and otherwise appeared to be very nice and friendly. She said the malt was served in one of the large size Hi-Spot Drive-in paper cups.

She stated the individual was dressed casually. Shortly after serving him, she noticed [redacted] and [redacted] standing on the outside of the drive-in talking. A few minutes later, [redacted] remarked to her that the individual to whom she had just served the chocolate malt had paid [redacted] \$5.00 to drive him to Provo, Utah. b7C

[redacted] also stated that during this period of time, her brother, [redacted] was outside of the drive-in with some friends. [redacted] also observed photographs on the front page of the Monday, April 10, 1972, Deseret News newspaper, of RICHARD FLOYD MC COY, and stated that that individual was definitely the same person to whom she had sold the chocolate malt. She was also exhibited a polaroid photograph of an individual standing by a cinder block wall wearing Army fatigues bearing the name MC COY, and she also positively identified this man as the individual to whom she had served the chocolate malt.

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[redacted]
Springville High School, was interviewed at his residence,
[redacted] phone [redacted]

He advised that on Friday night, April 7, 1972, he arrived at the Hi-Spot Drive-in on the northwest corner of 400 South Street and Main in Springville approximately 11:30 PM that evening. He said that he had been conversing with the girls working inside, [redacted] and [redacted] and further b7C had talked to another friend at the back door of the drive-in. He stated that while he was standing at the back door of the drive-in (west side of the building), he observed an individual walking east on the north side of 400 South Street into the parking lot of Allen's Market, which market shares a common parking lot with the drive-in.

[redacted] stated that a few minutes later when he walked around to the front of the drive-in, he observed this same individual standing there consuming a drink from the drive-in. He stated a few minutes later that [redacted] drove into the drive-in, got out of his car, and engaged him in conversation. While he was talking to [redacted] stated that this individual walked up to them and asked [redacted] if the car parked there was his, and if so, if he would drive him to Provo, Utah, for \$5.00. [redacted] stated that this individual seemed quite anxious to go, and when [redacted] agreed, the individual walked right over to the car and got in. [redacted] recalled that the individual had told [redacted] that he lived near the corner where Allen's Market was in Provo. [redacted] stated that when he first observed the individual while he was standing at the back door of the drive-in, it was approximately ten to fifteen minutes before [redacted] appeared. b7C

[redacted] stated that the individual was wearing a dark green plaid sport coat with a different colored green stripe running through it. He stated that the green color was correct, to the best of his recollection. In addition, he stated the party was wearing a shirt and tie, color unrecalled. b7C

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[] stated that his attention was drawn to the individual's shoes, which he described as being black shoes, ankle high, with very thick heavy soles. He advised that the shoes were quite odd looking and not the normal type of street Oxford.

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[] stated that he had observed photographs of RICHARD FLOYD MC COY on the front page of the Monday morning, April 10, 1972, Salt Lake Tribune, in connection with an airline hijacking, and he had immediately thought that the individual depicted in these photographs as MC COY was the same individual he had encountered at the Hi-Spot Drive-in. In addition, [] was exhibited a polaroid photograph of an individual standing against a cinder block wall wearing an Army fatigue uniform bearing the name MC COY, and he stated that that also was the same individual seen at the drive-in.

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[redacted] Springville, Utah, phone [redacted] Springville High School, advised that on Friday night, April 7, 1972, he was on a date with [redacted] of Springville and that he dropped her off at her residence shortly past midnight. He stated that he drove south on Main Street to the Hi-Spot Drive-in, which is on the northwest corner of 400 South and Main Street. As he drove to the drive-in, he passed a jewelry store window approximately one block north of the drive-in where he looked at a clock in the window which gave the time as 12:15 AM.

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[redacted] advised that he pulled into the drive-in and parked his vehicle on the north side of the drive-in which shares a common parking lot with Allen's Market. After getting out of his vehicle, he met a school friend, [redacted] who was seated at the picnic tables on the north side of the drive-in. [redacted] stated that he conversed with [redacted] for a very short period of time and then stepped to the center window of the drive-in (on the east side of the building), however, he did not purchase a coke as the girl on duty did not see him standing there. He turned around to talk to [redacted] again when an individual came up from behind and pointed to his car, asking him if the car was his. [redacted] stated that he replied in the affirmative, at which time this individual asked if [redacted] would take him to Provo. [redacted] stated that he hedged for a moment as he did not particularly want to, however, this individual then mentioned that he would pay him \$5.00 to take him. [redacted] stated that he then agreed to take the individual and they both got in his car and [redacted] asked him where in Provo, wherein the individual replied "On this side of Provo".

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[redacted] stated that the individual was drinking an unknown type of drink in a tall "25 to 35 cent size" Hi-Spot paper cup which he took with him in the vehicle. [redacted] noted that the individual had a bill wrapped around the cup in his hand which [redacted] believed was either a \$10 bill or possibly bigger. He stated that he then asked the individual why he needed a ride at this time of night, to which the

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individual replied that he had been stranded there by some friends and continued by mentioning how inconsiderate some people could be.

b7C [] stated that as they drove north on the old highway between Springville and Provo, he observed some flares being dropped in the sky over the Utah Lake area west of them, and [] stated that he mentioned to his passenger that he wondered what the flares were for. The passenger replied that he was familiar with these types of flares as he had used them in Vietnam, and, according to [] the passenger then explained to him how these type of flares were dropped from aircraft utilizing small parachutes.

[] stated that they drove for a few more minutes in silence, and that when they neared 300 South Street in Provo, that his passenger told him to turn west on 300 South, and then told him to turn left again at a street, which number [] could not recall. [] could recall, however, that he pulled over to the curb at the third house south on 300 South on the west side of the street and let his passenger out, at which time the passenger thanked him and put a \$5 bill on the dashboard of his vehicle and told him that that would handle his gas and time. [] stated he cannot recall whether or not a car was parked in front of the residence, whether there was a post lamp in front of the residence, or even if the passenger, in fact, went into the house, as he drove away as soon as the individual got out of the vehicle, and he, [] never looked back. b7C

[] stated that he recognized all of the photographs of RICHARD FLOYD MC COY on Monday, April 10, 1972, specifically the photographs on the front pages of the Monday morning Salt Lake Tribune and the Monday evening Provo Daily Herald. He stated that the individual depicted as MC COY in these photographs was positively the same individual that he drove from the Hi-Spot Drive-in in Springville to the residence south of 300 South Street in Provo. In addition, [] was exhibited a polaroid photograph of an individual dressed in a military fatigue-type uniform bearing the name MC COY on the b7C

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right side of his chest, which individual was standing against a cinder block wall, and [] stated that this individual also was the same person to whom he had given the ride. b7C

[] advised that this individual was dressed in dark pants and wearing what appeared to be older dirty shoes and a dark coat, color unrecalled. He stated that the individual's hair had been neat and that he had no mustache or glasses.

[] advised that on Monday morning, April 10, 1972, he was approached by [] at school, wherein the two discussed that the individual they had met at the Hi-Spot Drive-in Friday night, to whom [] gave the ride, appeared to be identical with the photographs of the airline hijacker they had seen in the newspapers that morning. b7C

[] was driven up to 300 South Street in Provo from Springville, at which point he gave directions to turn west on 300 South, and then stated that the street he had turned left on was either 500, 400, 300 or 200 East, he was not sure. He was driven down each one of these streets wherein he observed the third house south on the west side of each street, and stated that the house where he took his passenger was either the one on 400 East or 200 East. The residence at 360 South 200 East was pointed out specifically to [] and he stated that to the best of his recollection, it was the residence where he had let out his passenger. b7C

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[redacted] Brigham Young University student, was interviewed at his residence, [redacted] Springville, phone [redacted]

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He advised that on Friday night, April 7, 1972, at approximately midnight or shortly thereafter, that he stopped at the Hi-Spot Drive-in on the northwest corner of 400 South Street and Main in Springville, where his sister, [redacted] was working, and he stood in front of the drive-in for a few minutes talking to three or four other individuals, names not recalled. He could not recall if [redacted] or [redacted] were at the drive-in at that time.

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He advised that a white male, approximately 30 years, was standing at the window of the drive-in placing an order when the individual turned around and remarked to [redacted] and his group something about had they heard anything about a hijacker. [redacted] stated the individual then stated that some guy had just jumped out of an airplane by the lake with a half million dollars. [redacted] advised that he and his friends laughed, and the individual then stated, "I'm serious". [redacted] advised that the individual then turned back to the window, picked up his order, and walked away.

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[redacted] advised that he is approximately five feet ten inches tall and that this individual was shorter than he is, but could not further identify his clothing.

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[redacted] was exhibited a polaroid photograph of an individual standing by a cinder block wall wearing Army fatigues bearing the name MC COY, and he stated he was not positive that the individual depicted in the photograph was the same one who spoke to them at the drive-in, but he was quite certain.

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NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATION

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date of transcription 4/12/72

[redacted] Provo, Utah,
'advised as follows:

RICHARD MC COY [redacted]

[redacted] MC COY is a pilot of a helicopter in the Air National Guard and attends Brigham Young University. The other girl living with the MC COYs is [redacted] and she is [redacted] b7C
[redacted] They do not have many friends, but are active in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (LDS) and are in [redacted] but do not appear to have a great deal of money. [redacted] works during the day.

MC COY has been on crutches for several days, and within the past two to three days had been observed with his right foot in a cast.

The MC COYs own two cars, a gray sedan and a green Volkswagen. [redacted] came home after 12:00 midnight on April 7, 1972, and noticed the light was on in the kitchen window at the MC COYs. He noticed the sedan was in front of the residence at that time, but did not recall seeing the Volkswagen.

There are two apartments below the MC COY's. The [redacted] are in the process of moving and have not been there for a couple of days. b7C

The other apartment is occupied by a bachelor by the name of [redacted] had not been observed Friday or Saturday, April 7th or 8th, 1972.

The people living on the other side of the MC COYs are the [redacted] who have been gone for over a week on vacation.

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by SA [redacted] b7C
SA [redacted] LGT:1bp Date dictated 4/11/72

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[redacted] Provo, Utah,
advised that she and her husband [redacted]
[redacted]

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said she did not recall seeing a green Volkswagen belonging to the MC COYs behind their residence where they usually park it when she looked out the window at about 11:00 P.M. on April 7, 1972, or at 7:00 A.M. the next morning.

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by SA [redacted] b7C
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Date 4/12/72

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[redacted]
[redacted] was interviewed, at which time he advised he has been a residence of this address for [redacted]. He advised he knows the RICHARD FLOYD McCOY [redacted] b7C

[redacted] described McCOY as a good neighbor, friendly, but an individual with whom he has had limited contact. He advised McCOY parks his automobiles directly behind the residence at 360 South 2nd East. [redacted] described McCOY as being a helicopter pilot, but could not comment concerning McCOY's competency as a pilot. He advised McCOY had also been involved in skydiving, although [redacted] has had no contact with McCOY during any of McCOY's said activities. [redacted] stated McCOY is also a part time vacuum cleaner salesman and repairman, although he was unable to provide information concerning McCOY's affiliation with any vacuum cleaner company. He stated [redacted] [redacted] Provo High School in Provo, Utah. b7C

[redacted] stated that he knew nothing of the hijacking except what he has heard on the news, but he could not in any way think of McCOY as a suspect in this matter. He stated that he was unaware of McCOY's activities on Friday, April 7, 1972, as he does not recall seeing McCOY on that day. He is certain that somebody was home at the McCOY residence as he could hear the television on the main floor, which he can hear each night. [redacted] stated he customarily retires for the night about 10:00 p.m.; and he heard nothing on Friday night which would have awakened him, or called his attention to the fact there were any abnormal activities either in the McCOY residence above or around the home. b7C

He advised that neither the husband [redacted] set any pattern of activity; however, [redacted] drives the Plymouth automobile and McCOY generally drives the Volkswagen. He advised that McCOY uses the Volkswagen in his business activities. [redacted] advised he did not know if either of the cars was home on Friday evening. b7C

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SAs [redacted] and [redacted] b7C
by [redacted] JWC:dls Date dictated 4/11/72

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[redacted] advised that the McCOYs have had a [redacted]
[redacted] residing with them since about Christmas, 1971. He
advised he has little contact with this individual and could
furnish no information concerning her activities. He advised
he has no contact with any of the McCOY friends or associates.

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[REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] been RICHARD FLOYD McCOY, JR., and family. The McCOYs have resided there for approximately two years. He advised that the McCOYs, in addition to controlling the main floor also control the attic. He stated they have no out buildings but park their two cars, a green Volkswagen and a blue Plymouth Fury, on the cement drive at the rear of the house. [REDACTED] advised that the downstairs is divided into two apartment buildings. One is rented to [REDACTED] age approximately [REDACTED] who has resided alone in this apartment for approximately [REDACTED] years. He advised the second apartment was vacated by [REDACTED] on Thursday, April 6, 1972, when the [REDACTED] moved to a residence [REDACTED] Brigham Young University (BYU) campus. He advised [REDACTED] is a BYU student.

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[REDACTED] expressed the opinion that McCOY and his family are high type individuals, well regarded in the neighborhood. [REDACTED] advised that the McCOYs are friendly with other tenants and neighbors, but to the best of his knowledge, have no close personal relationships. He advised that he could not believe that a contact with [REDACTED] would provide any assistance in the investigation of the hijacking matter as he did not feel that [REDACTED] and McCOY had any close personal ties.

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When questioned regarding McCOY's activities, [REDACTED] advised that McCOY keeps no fixed schedule and that he comes and goes at all hours of the day; consequently [REDACTED] has no reason to observe any departure from McCOY's normal activities on Friday, April 7, 1972. [REDACTED] advised he did not know whether McCOY was at home, whether his automobiles were at home or of the activities of other members of the McCOY family. He stated he could furnish no information that would directly bear on the hijack matter.

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With the full consent and assistance of [REDACTED] the property controlled by [REDACTED] was searched by interviewing Agents. This search included out buildings and the [REDACTED] yard. Nothing was observed which would indicate that anyone had been digging in the area or had hidden anything that was put on the [REDACTED] property unknown to [REDACTED] b7C

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INTERVIEW OF ASSISTANT PROFESSOR,
BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY,
REGARDING SUBJECT'S SKIING ACCIDENT

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date of transcription 4/12/72

[redacted] of Physical Education, Brigham Young University (BYU), Provo, Utah, b7C advised as follows:

On Tuesday, March 21, 1972, RICHARD FLOYD MC COY was participating in skiing with a ski class being taught by [redacted] at the Snowbird Ski Resort, Cottonwood Canyon, Salt Lake County, Utah. This was the last day of skiing for the class. While MC COY was skiing about ten yards away from [redacted] MC COY had a fall. The binding did not re- b7C lease on the toe portion, but the heel portion of the binding did release. It appeared to be a natural fall rather than a deliberate type of fall and MC COY seemed to experience a genuine pain from the injury which was sustained to his leg.

MC COY said for about during the first five minutes following the injury that he thought his leg was probably broken, but a few minutes later he indicated it was probably not broken; then again the pain seemed to increase and he still thought it might have been broken.

MC COY was taken to the Health Center at BYU by a female ski instructor, name unknown.

The next night, MC COY called [redacted] as [redacted] had instructed him to do, and reported on his condition. MC COY said an X-ray had been taken and his leg had not been broken but had been sprained. About three b7C days later, MC COY came to [redacted] office and his leg was in a cast. MC COY said he was to keep his leg in a cast for about four days. [redacted] has not seen MC COY since that time.

[redacted] seemed to always drive his own car, a Volkswagen, rather than going by bus with the class on their b7C ski trips.

[redacted] is of the opinion that the above described injury was a genuine one because of the other people who observed MC COY fall and also because he was a long way b7C from the bottom of the ski run.

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by SA [redacted] lbp b7C Date dictated 4/12/72

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CHECK OF RECORDS AT
BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date 4/9/72

[redacted] Brigham Young University Police Department, Provo, Utah, advised as follows:

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RICHARD FLOYD MC COY, also known as Richard Floyd McCoy, Jr., 360 South 2nd East, Provo, home address Route 5, Box 378, Raleigh, North Carolina, is a third year student in Law Enforcement at Brigham Young University (BYU). He was born December 7, 1942, at Kinston, North Carolina. He has Student Number 068365. [redacted] his father is [redacted] whose employment is listed [redacted] North Carolina State University; his mother is [redacted] and a relative is [redacted] Route 1, Cove City, North Carolina. MC COY graduated from Needham Broughton High School, Raleigh, North Carolina, in June, 1961.

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MC COY attended BYU from September, 1961, to February 21, 1962, when he withdrew to enter the armed forces; from February to May, 1965; took a correspondence class June 24, 1970. He registered at BYU in September, 1970, and withdrew September 25, 1970, because of financial difficulty. He attended from February to May, 1971; during the summer of 1971; and from September, 1971, until the present time. He has the following class schedule at BYU:

Devotional 402	Tuesday, 10:00 a.m.
Law Enforcement 301	Wednesday, 5:00 to 7:30 p.m.
Physics 110	Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 8:00 a.m.
Political Science 330	Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 2:00 p.m.
Sociology 383	Monday, 5:00 p.m.
Forum	Thursday, 10:00 a.m.
Physical Education 195	Tuesday, Thursday, 12:00 noon.

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Political Science 311	Tuesday, Thursday, 7:00 a.m.
Sociology 210	Tuesday, Thursday, 11:00 a.m.
Sociology 405	Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 10:00 a.m.

MC COY has taken courses in Air Science and Navigation at BYU.

He completed three classes at the University of Maryland during the school year of 1968-1969.

MC COY is taking a total of twenty and one-half semester hours at BYU, which is an unusually high number of hours. His scholastic grades for the fall semester of 1970 were between "A" and "B," which made him eligible to take the large number of hours during the current semester.

BYU was closed for Easter vacation on Thursday and Friday, April 6 and 7, 1972.

MC COY's address as of July, 1970, was listed as 7867 Van Croft Avenue, Apartment 15, Oakland, California.

MC COY was employed from January 2, 1961, to July 23, 1961, or possibly until a later date, at the A & P Food Stores, Raleigh, North Carolina. He has Social Security Number 237-66-2779. He served on a church mission in the Central Atlantic States of the United States.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] at Provo, Utah, on April 8, 1972:

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[redacted], Brigham Young University, (BYU) Police Department, Provo, Utah, advised RICHARD FLOYD MC COY, also known as RICHARD FLOYD MC COY, JR., was born December 7, 1942 at Kinston, North Carolina. His home address is Route 5 Box 378, Raleigh, North Carolina. He was a graduate of Needham Broughton High School, Raleigh, June of 1961.

MC COY is a third year student at BYU, majoring in law enforcement. His Provo, Utah, address is 360 South 200 East.

He attended BYU from September 1961 to February 21, 1962 when he withdrew; from February 1965 to May 1965, taking a correspondence class in June 24, 1970; registered in September of 1970 and withdrew September 25, 1970 because of financial difficulties. He attended from February 1971 to May 1971, during summer of 1971, and from September 1971 until the present time.

[redacted]
His address in June of 1970 was [redacted] b7C
[redacted] Oakland, California. [redacted] was employed as a custodian at North Carolina State University.

MC COY also attended the University of Maryland taking three classes during school year of 1968-69.

MC COY is registered for 20½ semester hours at BYU at the present time. He has classes each day of the week and he has a Wednesday evening class in law enforcement from 5:00 to 7:30 PM. His Thursday schedule includes classes at 7:00 AM, 10:00 AM, and 12:00 Noon. His Friday classes are at 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM.

He has two cars, a 1966 blue Plymouth with North Carolina license SA 1333 and a 1969 green Volkswagen with North Carolina license SA 1334. MC COY has no arrest record at the BYU Police Department. His scholastic grades were below average during his early years at school but during the last semester were between A and B, qualifying him to take 20½ hours during the current semester.

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INTERVIEW OF



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The following investigation was conducted by
SA [REDACTED]

On April 8, 1972, [REDACTED] was located at his residence at [REDACTED], Alpine, Utah, at which time he advised that he is employed by his father as a carpenter in building homes and that he is a member of the Utah National Guard and is an experienced skydiver, having jumped over a hundred times. b7C

He advised that he is acquainted with RICHARD MC COY, who is a student at Brigham Young University and who is also a member of the Utah National Guard. He advised that MC COY is a pilot and can fly both helicopters and small planes and is an experienced skydiver.

He advised that MC COY has never discussed with him the hijacking of any airplanes, but he has been in groups; namely, the Alta Jump Club which meets at the airport in Sandy, Utah, in which they have jointly discussed the mistakes that individuals have made in trying to hijack previous planes.

He advised that he does not feel that MC COY would be a good suspect in this case in view of the fact that approximately three weeks ago, MC COY broke his ankle and has his right foot in a cast. He advised that the last time he talked with MC COY was the past Wednesday and that he went over on Thursday evening to MC COY's residence which is in Provo, Utah, and noticed that his car was in the driveway, but MC COY was not at home. He advised that he has had no contact with MC COY since that time and that MC COY has definitely never discussed with him the possibility of hijacking an airplane and attempting to get money out of the airlines.

The following physical description of [REDACTED] was obtained through observation and interview: b7C

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Race	White
Sex	Male
Nationality	American
Date of Birth	[REDACTED]
Age	22
Height	6' 6"
Weight	175
Hair	Sandy
Vehicle	Drives a 1969 olive green Ford pickup truck
Residence	[REDACTED] Alpine, Utah.

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Date April 11, 1972

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[redacted] Utah, telephone [redacted] b7C
[redacted] was interviewed in the Salt Lake City Office of the FBI, at which time he observed the parachute obtained during a search of the home of RICHARD FLOYD MC COY, as well as the harness and container. He described the harness as a Security Cross Bow and Short Bow Harness and the parachute as a Commander Mark 2, manufactured in 1968. To his knowledge, only seven of these chutes were manufactured and only two are in the State of Utah. He stated both items described above are his property and were loaned by him to McCOY sometime after March 23, 1972. He explained he is very poor on dates but recalled he returned home on the 23rd of March, 1972, after visiting his girl friend in Boston, Massachusetts.

Prior to [redacted] leaving on this trip, McCOY had asked to borrow his skis and he told McCOY he could use them; however, McCOY did not borrow them and when at his house McCOY advised [redacted] he had rented a pair of skis and had broken his ankle. He stated McCOY was wearing a cast and he wondered why he wanted the parachute but McCOY stated he and a friend were going to jump and he, [redacted] assumed McCOY was going to pilot the plane which he is capable of doing. b7C

[redacted] stated the parachute was not packed when he gave it to McCOY and McCOY said he would have it packed at the BYU Jump Club.

[redacted] said he has known McCOY approximately one year and has found him to be a very honest and religious person who did not drink or smoke. He said sometime prior to Christmas he accompanied McCOY on a trip when they obtained a ride on a military plane at Hill Air Force Base. They went to Charleston, South Carolina, and met McCOY's [redacted], who lives in Savannah, Georgia, area. They traveled in RICHARD's car with his family and visited McCOY's parents who reside near Raleigh, North Carolina. b7C

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[] stated McCOY never discussed hijacking a plane with him; however, after giving this some thought he recalled that McCOY mentioned to him that in one of his Police Science classes a test-type form had been passed around, which related to the fact that if you have ever committed a crime or how much money it would take to cause you to commit a crime. McCOY asked him how much money it would take for him to commit a crime and after they got up in the millions he told McCOY he would not be interested in committing a crime at any price. He advised that McCOY did not say how much it would take to cause him to commit a crime.

[] stated after giving this considerable thought he now believes, even though he and McCOY were good friends, that since he would not be interested in committing a crime at any cost this was probably the reason McCOY never discussed it with him.

[] advised he does not consider McCOY to be a real experienced jumper and until the time that McCOY started using the chute described above he often got hurt since the equipment did not fit him. [] stated he has had one hundred and seventeen jumps and he is not even classified as an experienced jumper.

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SETTING OF GRAND JURY

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b7C On April 12, 1972, Assistant United States Attorney [redacted] Salt Lake City, Utah, advised that the facts of this case will be presented to a Federal Grand Jury at 10:00 AM on April 14, 1972, at Salt Lake City.

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MISCELLANEOUS

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JLT:dls:lbp

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The following investigation was conducted by SA
[redacted] at Salt Lake City, Utah, on April 8, 1972:

[redacted] United Air Lines Security,
Chicago, Illinois, telephonically advised that the manifest
on the flight of United Air Lines (UAL) Flight 855, bears
the names [redacted] and [redacted] stated that
they have determined that [redacted] should be [redacted]
[redacted] is a known regular customer of UAL and resides in
Michigan. It was suggested by [redacted] that the hijacker
used the name [redacted] not [redacted] as previously
recorded.

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[redacted] Reservations Clerk, United Airlines (UAL) was interviewed and furnished the following information:

[redacted] stated that between 4:10 and 4:20 p.m. on April 7, 1972, she received a telephone call from a male whose voice sounded as though he were in his 20's. [redacted] advised that this caller requested information pertaining to flights from Denver to Salt Lake City. [redacted] advised that the caller was told there were two flights en route to Salt Lake City and stated that these flights would arrive at 5:30 p.m. on April 7, 1972, and 8:25 p.m. on April 7, 1972. b7C

[redacted] then stated that the caller asked the following question, "Haven't you had a plane that was hijacked to/over Salt Lake City from Denver?" [redacted] advised that she cannot recall whether the caller requested whether this craft was hijacked to Salt Lake City or over Salt Lake City.

Inasmuch as she had received no information pertaining to a hijacking in progress, [redacted] advised that she informed the caller that UAL had no hijacking in progress nor did any other carrier based in Denver have a hijacking in progress. [redacted] stated at this time that the caller said, "Oh, yeah. Okay." [redacted] advised that when this statement was made the tone of the caller's voice inferred sarcasm to her. [redacted] advised that she did not receive any further calls pertaining to a hijacking in progress until approximately 5:00 p.m., when a call was received from the "San Francisco Chronicle". b7C

[redacted] stated that this call had been received on the Salt Lake City identifier, which indicated to her that the caller had dialed a Salt Lake City telephone number to obtain the information. She stated that when this Salt Lake City number was dialed the call was transferred directly to the Denver UAL office. [redacted] advised she had no indication as to the exact location from which the call was made.

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b7C [] advised she heard no background noise, that the caller had no accent or slur in his speech, but that he did sound like a male approximately in his 20's.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [REDACTED] at Provo, Utah:

Pursuant to the execution of a search warrant for subject's residence at 360 South 2nd East, Provo, Utah, the following licenses were noted:

Utah driver's license number A327637
Expires December 7, 1974

California driver's license number E561119
Expires December 7, 1972

North Carolina driver's license number 1964810
Expires December 7, 1974

U. S. Commercial Pilot's license number 2004374
Ratings and Limitations Airplane - Single engine land
Roto-Craft - Helicopter
Instruments - Helicopter only
Date of Issue, December 7, 1970.

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA [REDACTED]:

On April 9, 1972, [REDACTED] telephonically contacted SA [REDACTED] at his residence and advised that he resides in Raleigh, North Carolina, and that he is well acquainted with RICHARD FLOYD MC COY, JR., as well as both his father and mother who also reside in the Raleigh area. [REDACTED] explained that he has been [REDACTED] for the last seven years and [REDACTED] Brigham Young University. b7C

He advised during the afternoon of April 3, 1972, while visiting his son, he observed MC COY and at that time they had a conversation which lasted for approximately thirty to forty minutes, and MC COY was wearing a cast which he believed was on his right leg and also had a mustache. He advised at that time MC COY seemed to be in good mental health. He advised that MC COY has a younger brother by the name of [REDACTED] and stated that MC COY's father and mother are first cousins, and during the recent years have had considerable trouble with their marriage; however, he has no idea what effect this has had on the children. b7C

[REDACTED] requested permission to visit MC COY at the Salt Lake County Jail; however, he was advised that this could not be granted in view of the fact that MC COY was in the custody of the U. S. Marshal's Office. b7C

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[redacted]
Provo, Utah, advised that she and [redacted] purchased a Tote-Gote from RICHARD F. MC COY on September 1, 1971, for \$125. The purchase was made in response to an advertisement which appeared in the local newspaper or the Shopper's Guide. MC COY said that he was selling the Tote-Gote because he needed the money. [redacted] stated she has not seen MC COY since September 1, 1971.

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA [REDACTED]

On April 10, 1972, [REDACTED] 62nd
Ordnance Depot, Bomb Disposal Unit, 6th U. S. Army, Salt
Lake City, Utah, was telephonically contacted at his number --
[REDACTED] -- and he was requested to examine a pineapple-type
military hand grenade to ascertain if it was inert.

[REDACTED] appeared at the Salt Lake City
Office and examined the hand grenade, at which time he advised
that the powder had been removed, and in addition, the cap
had been detonated and there was no danger involved in
handling or storing it.

On April 11, 1972, [redacted] who advised he is a [redacted] Missouri, voluntarily appeared at the Salt Lake City Office of the FBI where he was interviewed by SAs [redacted] and [redacted]. He advised [redacted] RICHARD E. MC COY and that he had been to the County Jail talking to [redacted] on that date. He said he is attempting to locate counsel for [redacted] and has considered [redacted] and [redacted]. He said he has had several offers of free counsel. He mentioned also that he had received a call from someone offering him \$50,000 for the plan on the hijacking. He also said they had considered selling his brother's story for funds to finance his defense.

MC COY implied that [redacted] had confided that someone else was involved with him, but that he had not pursued the matter. He said the name would undoubtedly come out and that it would probably be through the attorney they select to represent [redacted].

He mentioned also that [redacted] [redacted] had had some mental problems before they were married and that records would be in Ohio, Toledo or Columbus, possibly, under the name of [redacted].

He further said [redacted] and a friend had visited him in Charleston, South Carolina, in about January of this year.

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Interview with subject [REDACTED] indicates
that subject was planning on taking his life if captured;
therefore, he should be considered as having SUICIDAL
TENDENCIES.

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Hijacking Coverage

Just a note of appreciation to The Times staff for the outstanding coverage and in-depth reporting on the extortion and hijacking problems plaguing the airlines.

Your coverage of the conviction of extortionist Robert Dellinger, I hope, will deter others from trying the same ploy against the airlines. The Opinion Section's in-depth coverage (March 19) of extortion and hijacking was excellent reading.

CHARLES NOVAK
Regional Manager
Public Relations
United
Los Angeles

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Date of transcription 4/10/72

[redacted] who was a passenger on the United Airlines plane hijacked between Denver, Colorado, and San Francisco, California, on April 7, 1972, telephonically contacted the FBI Office, Los Angeles, California. [redacted] b7C stated that he was interviewed by the FBI in San Francisco after his release from the hijacked plane, but that he had thought of one other bit of information which he did not provide previously.

[redacted] advised that after the plane had landed at San Francisco, the passengers had been advised to only use the restroom located in the front section of the plane.

[redacted] stated that he went to use that restroom, and, as he was returning to his seat, he happened to be right behind a stewardess who was carrying a note back to the hijacker from the cockpit of the plane. [redacted] b7C advised that the stewardess was stopped in the first class section of the aircraft by two men who were sitting together about three rows from the front on the left side of the aircraft as you walk to the rear of the plane. [redacted] stated the two men read the note the stewardess was carrying, and then allowed her to continue her walk to the rear of the plane.

b7C [redacted] described the above two men as follows:

Man #1

Nationality	Spanish descent
Age	Middle age
Complexion	Dark
Characteristics	Mustache
Height	Short in statue
Clothing	Wearing medium brown colored business suit

Man #2

Race	Caucasian
Age	Approximately 25-30 years of age
Height	Tall in statue

Interviewed on 4/8/72 at Los Angeles, California File # Los Angeles 164-New 164 580-4

by SA [redacted] b7C /plI Date dictated 4/10/72

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1Date of transcription 4/12/72

[redacted] advised that he was a passenger aboard United Airlines Flight 855 that was hijacked on April 7, 1972. He was interviewed by FBI Agents at San Francisco, California, when he left the plane.

b7C

He is staying at the Airport Marina Hotel, Los Angeles, overnight and will return to his home on April 9, 1972, at [redacted] Arvada, Colorado.

[redacted] did not see the hijacker without the false moustache, wig and sunglasses and was not able to identify the photograph of suspect RICHARD MC COY as being the hijacker.

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by SA [redacted] ^{b7C} lkp Date dictated 4/10/72

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Hair
Clothing

Black
Wearing a blue knit suit
with a belted back

[redacted] home address is [redacted],
Inglewood, Colorado, [redacted] telephone [redacted],
business address is [redacted] Denver, Colorado,
80220, telephone [redacted]

b7C

[redacted] advised that he will be at the Century
Plaza Hotel in Los Angeles, California, until Sunday afternoon,
April 9, 1972. [redacted] stated that he can be contacted at
the Fairmont Hotel in San Francisco from Sunday night,
April 9, 1972, to Wednesday, April 12, 1972.

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1Date of transcription 4/12/72

[redacted] advised that he was a passenger aboard United Airlines Flight 855, which was hijacked April 7, 1972. He was interviewed by FBI Agents upon deplaning at San Francisco airport.

b7C He is staying at the Airport Marina Hotel, Los Angeles, overnight and plans to return to his business, 601 Perry Street, Denver, Colorado, at 7:55am on April 9, 1972.

[redacted] did not observe the hijacker without the false moustache and wig and sunglasses disguise, and he was not able to identify a photograph of suspect RICHARD MC COY as the hijacker.

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by SA [redacted] ^{b7C} 1kp Date dictated 4/10/72

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date of transcription 4/12/72

United Airlines [redacted] advised that he never was able to observe the hijacker aboard United Flight 855 on April 7, 1972.

[redacted] advised that he was interviewed by Agents of the FBI at Salt Lake City, Utah, upon landing.

b7C

[redacted] advised that he is based at Los Angeles and can be located at his home, [redacted] Apartment [redacted] Los Angeles, telephone number [redacted]

Interviewed on 4/8/72 at Los Angeles, California File # Los Angeles 164-580-44

by SA [redacted] ^{b7C} 1kp Date dictated 4/10/72

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date of transcription 4/12/72

United Airlines [redacted]
advised that he was never able to observe the hijacker
aboard United Flight 855 on April 7, 1972.

b7C [redacted] advised that he was interviewed
by Agents of the FBI when their plane landed at Salt Lake
City, Utah.

[redacted] advised that he is based in Los Angeles
and can be contacted at his residence, [redacted]
San Diego, California, telephone number (714) [redacted]

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by SA [redacted] lkp Date dictated 4/10/72

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1Date of transcription 4/12/72

[redacted] working aboard United Airlines Flight 855, which was hijacked on April 7, 1972, advised that he had been interviewed in depth by Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation when he landed at Salt Lake City, Utah.

b7C

[redacted] was unable to identify a photograph of suspect RICHARD MC COY as being the hijacker.

[redacted] advised that he is based in Los Angeles and can be contacted at his home, [redacted] Thousand Oaks, California, telephone number (805) [redacted]

[redacted] furnished the following descriptive information regarding the hijacker:

Male, white, age 27 to 30 years, height 5'7", weight 145 to 150 pounds, olive or yellowish complexion, blue-grey eyes, dark brown hair; wore light colored tie, colored stripes in shirt, dark modern looking sport coat. Prior to jumping, [redacted] saw hijacker dressed in a dark colored flying or jumping suit, like a coverall; black or dark crash helmet, with a white verticle stripe on center of the lower back edge; a large watch, timer, or altimeter strapped to his right wrist; a band aid on right cheek area; maybe a scarf around his neck; sunglasses appeared to have mirrored fronts. The wig and moustache worn by the suspect were obviously false.

b7C

[redacted] advised that he was the only member of the flight crew of the plane that was able to observe the suspect in the plane. [redacted] never observed the suspect without the wig and moustache disguise.

If any additional information comes to his attention, he will notify the Federal Bureau of Investigation at Los Angeles.

Interviewed on 4/8/72 at Los Angeles, California File # Los Angeles 164-580 -46

by SA [redacted] ^{b7C} *R* Date dictated 4/10/72

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date of transcription 4/12/72

United Airlines [redacted]
advised that she had worked aboard hijacked United Airlines
Flight 855. She was allowed to deplane at San Francisco
Airport.

b7C

She states that she was interviewed in depth by
Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation at San
Francisco, and had no further information to add.

She was unable to identify a photograph of suspect
RICHARD MC COY as being the hijacker.

[redacted] advised that she is based in Los Angeles
and can be contacted at her home, [redacted] Gardena,
California, telephone number [redacted]

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by SA [redacted] /lkp *h* Date dictated 4/10/72

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b7C United Airlines [redacted] was working United Flight 855 on April 7, 1972. She is based at Los Angeles and can be contacted at her home, [redacted] Apartment [redacted] Encino, California, telephone number [redacted] or through her parents at [redacted] Tarzana, California, telephone number [redacted].

[redacted] was interviewed by FBI Agents at Salt Lake City, Utah, upon landing and had no further pertinent information to report.

[redacted] was unable to identify a photograph of suspect RICHARD MC COY as being the hijacker. She never saw the hijacker without his sun glasses, false wig, and moustache.

She described the hijacker as being a male, white, age about thirty years, height about 5'6", weight 145 to 150 pounds, swarthy complexion, blue eyes, black wig and moustache; dirty fingernails, bitten down, hands of mechanic; wore band aid on left cheek. He had high cheek bones; wore dark sunglasses with a mirrored tint; wore dark sport jacket, colored shirt, bright wide tie, dark pants and shoes.

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by SA [redacted] /lkp 6 Date dictated 4/10/72

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date of transcription 4/12/72

United Airlines [redacted] was working on the hijacked United Flight 855. She is based at Los Angeles and can be contacted at her home, [redacted] Los Angeles, California, telephone number [redacted]

b7C She was unable to identify a photograph of suspect RICHARD MC COY as being the hijacker, as she never observed the hijacker when he was not wearing his false wig and moustache disguise.

[redacted] advised that she was interviewed in depth by FBI Agents at Salt Lake City, upon their landing.

[redacted] advised that she would describe the hijacker as follows:

He was a male, white, about 27 to 30 years of age, dark complexion, Latin or Mexican, height 5'5", weight 145 to 150 pounds, blue eyes, dark wig, fingers short and stubby, nails dirty and bitten very far down. He had a band aid on left cheek, high cheek bones, sunglasses were butterfly in shape and mirrored. He had muscular legs. He was wearing a colored shirt and large, light colored tie; navy blue modern sport jacket with a tweed type weave. The slacks were also blue, maybe modern double knit design; shoes were also blue, with a brown leather strip across the toe in the area in front of the instep. The shoes had some sort of perforation in the toe area.

[redacted] sat in aisle seat and suspect sat at a window seat. She transmitted most of suspect's messages to the Captain. Once when she was bringing him an unopened can of Ginger Ale, she noted that the suspect put his gloves on in a hurry. He did have his gloves off during the flight. She kept a note furnished to her by the suspect and turned it over to FBI Agents at Salt Lake City.

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[redacted] Ontario, California, advised that he is employed as a transportation officer for the Department of Corrections, State of California, State Office Building #8, Sacramento, California. He stated that on April 7, 1972, he was in Denver, Colorado for the purpose of transporting [redacted] from Denver to Los Angeles, California.

[redacted] advised that he checked into the United Airlines (UAL) ticket counter at approximately 1:55 P.M. and was allowed to pre-board UAL Flight 855 at 2:15 P.M. with [redacted]. He stated he was assigned the aisle seat in Row [redacted] of the Tourist Section and that [redacted] sat in the seat to his left, also in Row [redacted].

b7C

[redacted] further advised that just prior to take off, he noticed a stewardess and a male airline employee attempting to get a passenger to leave the men's room in the rear of the plane. This male passenger then left the restroom and took the aisle seat in Row [redacted] aisle from where he and [redacted] were seated in Row [redacted]. [redacted] stated that this was the first time that he had ever observed this individual, and he described him as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	25 - 30 years old
Height	5'8"
Weight	145 - 160 pounds
Build	Medium
Hair	Black, mod style, bushy in front and to collar in rear
Eyes	Unknown
Peculiarities	Bushy mustache
Clothing	Mod two-tone brown and yellow shoes, dark blue slacks, dark jacket

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[] stated that when the three United Airlines workers came to the plane at San Francisco to unload the baggage, she noted that two of the men had on dress shoes and not work shoes, and therefore, were probably FBI Agents. [] hoped that the hijacker would not notice this small detail.

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[] will furnish any additional information that comes to her attention to the FBI at Los Angeles.

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[redacted] Room [redacted] Miramar Hotel,
Wilshire Boulevard and Ocean Avenue, advised he was a
passenger on the United Airlines flight that was hijacked
on April 7, 1972, between Denver, Colorado, and San Fran-
cisco, California, and that he had observed the hijacker
momentarily.

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He was shown a group of photographs of white males
including two photographs of RICHARD F. MC COY, JR. He
observed the photographs by holding them in his hands. He
advised he could not identify the hijacker among the photo-
graphs.

He said he observed MC COY on various television
news programs in which MC COY was identified as the hijacker,
but that he did not recognize MC COY as such on television.
He was unable to furnish additional information.

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During the flight, [] stated that he observed that this individual had put on a pair of round mirror styled metal framed sunglasses and also put a small piece of flesh colored tape on his right cheek directly below his sunglasses.

[] advised that [] began to tell him that he, [] suspected that this individual was acting in a suspicious manner; however, [] at first thought that this was a ruse on the part of [] to divert his attention since []

[] advised that he never observed this individual without black, mod style hair or without his mustache. He stated, however, that [] apparently had seen this individual with brown hair and had told him, [] that this individual had apparently put on a wig. [] stated he never observed this individual with anything other than the black, mod style hair.

An appropriate spread of photographs was then exhibited to [] including photographs of RICHARD FLOYD MC COY. [] stated he was unable to identify any of these photographs as being identical to the individual who sat in Row 20 of UAL Flight 855 en route Denver, Colorado to Los Angeles, California on March 7, 1972.

[] states that he may be able to identify this individual if he were to observe him personally.

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[redacted] employee United Airlines, home address [redacted] Westminster, California, telephone area code 714, [redacted] was telephonically contacted in order that an appointment might be set up for him to view photographs of RICHARD F. MC COY, JR. At that time it was ascertained that [redacted] did not see the highjacker at any time during the flight, before the flight or on his departure from the plane.

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b7C [redacted] employee United Airlines, home address [redacted] Mission Viejo, California, telephone area code 714, [redacted] appeared at the Santa Ana Resident Agency and was shown a group of photographs of white males included in which were two photographs of RICHARD F. MC COY, JR. After looking at the photographs carefully, [redacted] selected the two of MC COY, saying this was the same individual he had seen on television earlier. However, he stated he did not recall MC COY as being identical to the individual who had highjacked the plane on Friday, April 7, 1972. As [redacted] recalled, the highjacker had a goatee and moustache with long black hair.

[redacted] reaffirmed the fact he could not identify MC COY from the photograph as shown even though he knew this to be the individual that had been arrested.

[redacted] is of the opinion that should he see the subject in disguise as worn on the day of the highjacking, he would be able to identify him.

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United Airlines [] advised that he was a dead heading passenger aboard United Flight 855, which was hijacked, April 7, 1972. He is based at Los Angeles and can be contacted at his home located at [], Apartment [] telephone (213) []

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[] advised that he had been interviewed in depth by the FBI at San Francisco, California, when he was allowed to leave the plane.

[] advised that he never observed the hijacker without the false moustache, wig, and sunglass disguise, and he was not able to identify the photograph of suspect RICHARD MC COY as being the hijacker.

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Utah Searchers Find No Trace of Jet Hijacker

**Provo Police Chief Says
There's Suspect in Case,
FBI Won't Confirm It**

BY CHARLES HILLINGER

Times Staff Writer

PROVO, Utah—A massive search for a hijacker who parachuted from a jetliner with \$500,000 was suspended here Saturday amid conflicting reports there was a suspect in the case.

"There is a lead in the case . . . It involves a suspect," said Jesse Evans, police chief of this town of 55,000. He refused to elaborate.

While not categorically denying the police chief's cryptic comment, Russell Calame, special agent in charge of the FBI's Salt Lake City office, said only: "There is no suspect in custody."

Calame, whose agency is directing the manhunt, said the search was being shifted to "other areas," which he refused to identify.

But the state highway patrol revealed late Saturday that the FBI had a house in Provo staked out. "They have a suspect in mind," a highway patrol officer said. "but they may just be fishing in the dark."

In Los Angeles, Charles Novak, regional public relations manager for United Air Lines, said the crew of the hijacked plane Saturday was asked to examine photographs of "a number of men" provided by the FBI. He said he did not know if they identified any of the men in the pictures.

All Roadblocks Lifted

State and local police lifted all roadblocks around Provo at mid-morning, search flights had ended by afternoon and two carloads of FBI agents had returned to their headquarters in Salt Lake City before dusk.

Despite the confusion, there was general agreement among federal, state, county and local law enforcement officers and Air Force helicopter pilots that Saturday's search over the marshy lake area near Provo had drawn a blank.

There was some speculation that information about a possible suspect might have been obtained by investigators working elsewhere but this could not be confirmed.

"We found no human footprints and no signs of anything but there," Provo's police chief told newsmen.

And Blain Wilson, a Utah Highway Patrol trooper, commented: "Everybody feels it's a hopeless situation. The guy had any number of

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ways of getting out of here. He could have walked out easily by now."

The search area is ringed by snow-capped mountains 10,000 feet high that straddle a long, flat, relatively barren valley 35 miles long and two to five miles wide which runs into Utah Lake. The valley has few trees and no utility lines, which would have made it an excellent drop zone for a parachutist worried about getting snagged during a nighttime descent.

Minutes after the pilot of the commandeered United Air Lines Boeing 727 reported the hijacker had bailed out east of Provo, scores of law enforcement men swarmed into the area.

Beeper Signals

Two helicopters from Hill Air Force Base, 70 miles to the north, were dispatched to drop flares over the suspected drop area. The arrival of the choppers so soon after the rise to one police report that a "mystery helicopter" might have whisked the skyjacker away.

Police also reported beeper signals had been picked up from a mudflat about eight miles east of Provo. The signals were believed transmitted from an electronic device planted in each of the parachutes demanded by the hijacker in San Francisco Friday afternoon.

But the parachute and the beeper device were not found Saturday and the mystery was further compounded by UAL pilot Jerry Hearn, who said the hijacker might have made the 14,000-foot leap from the plane in his own parachute.

Hearn told a news conference in Los Angeles that the skyjacker seemed to have excellent knowledge of flying and jumping and might have been a pilot.

Travel Problems

The Utah Highway Patrol, the local sheriff's department and Provo police set up roadblocks on all highways. Cars traveling north to Salt Lake City or south to Las Vegas were closely screened. All slender males 5 foot 7 inch—the description of the hijacker—were questioned and their luggage searched.

The roadblocks and searches created a problem for thousands of travelers heading to Salt Lake City for the annual conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Highway patrol officers said the tieup of travelers was a factor in removing the roadblocks.

The blockade was called off at 9:30 a.m.

While the manhunt was under way in Utah, the FBI and the Army continued their search in southern Washington for "D. B. Cooper," the man who parachuted from a hijacked jetliner last Thanksgiving eve with \$200,000 in extortion money. The search for Cooper was suspended March 12 and resumed Friday, the same day "T. Johnson" carried out his \$500,000 hijacking plot under strikingly similar circumstances.

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Parachutes Over Utah; Frees 90 in S.F. After Money Is Paid

BY DAVID ROSENZWEIG and PHILIP HAGER

Times Staff Writers

A hijacker, armed with a pistol and a hand grenade, commandeered a United Air Lines jetliner Friday, collected \$500,000—the largest ransom ever paid in an American sky-jacking—and then parachuted from the plane over Provo, Utah.

The hijacker, described as mounted with a dark complexion, took over the Boeing 727 a few minutes after it left Denver for Los Angeles. He listed himself as A. T. Johnson.

He forced the plane to fly to San Francisco, where he obtained \$500,000 in small denominations and

four parachutes in return for the release of 89 passengers and a stewardess.

The plane took off 3½ hours later, tracked by two U.S. Air Force F-106 Delta Daggers, and flew 600 miles east to Provo, where the hijacker bailed out of a rear compartment door.

Federal, state and local law enforcement officers swarmed into the freezing, mountainous jump area to launch a search for the man. Roadblocks were posted at all major highways. His parachutes had been equipped with beeper devices by authorities.

Radio signals from the hijacker's parachute — bugged with a concealed transmitter — were picked up early today in a mudflat between Provo airport and Utah Lake.

The tension-filled extortion plot was reminiscent of that of the infamous "D. B. Cooper," who extorted \$200,000 and parachuted from a hijacked Northwest Airlines jet into a rugged area of the state of Washington last Thanksgiving eve. He was never apprehended.

Passengers released from the hijacked plane in San Francisco described the hijacker as a caucasian man in his late 20's. He was wearing tinted glasses.

The hijacker took over the airliner a few minutes after it left Denver on

flight 885 to Los Angeles. The flight had originated in Newark, N.J.

Air Force Lt. Robert E. Mittendorf, 25, said the hijacker had been sitting next to two men in the rear of the plane.

Mittendorf said the hijacker "pulled a gun on one of them and gave the other man a note," apparently the first of many delivered to the pilot. Other passengers and a stewardess said the man also carried a hand grenade.

Sandra Wilkinson, 25, a UAL stewardess who was returning from a Colorado ski vacation as a passenger aboard the plane, said the hijacker relayed his instructions to the pilot with pretyped notes which he took from a manila envelope and gave to a stewardess.

She said most of the passengers were unaware of the hijacking until the plane landed in San Francisco and the captain announced, "We have some people aboard who want some money from the airline."

A UAL spokesman, Mardy Leaver, said there was "no panic on the part of the passengers . . . all seemed relatively cool."

He described the hijacker doing the negotiating as "very terse, very specific and very businesslike."

The plane taxied to a remote runway by the San Francisco Bay and for the next three hours the hijacker relayed his elaborately detailed pre-typed instructions for refueling, removing the baggage and loading the ransom and the parachutes.

A convict in custody of a correctional officer aboard the plane became a pawn in the ransom. The convict, William R. Coggin, 21, of Sacramento, was being transported to San Quentin Prison.

'See Captain'

"A half hour after landing," Coggin said later, "the hijacker handed me a note saying 'Go see the captain.'"

Coggin said the captain, G. D. Hearn of Culver City, told him he was to go outside and bring in the ransom money—packed in two suitcases and left outside the aircraft.

Deputy sheriffs, sky marshals and FBI agents formed a distant perimeter around the jet, which sat on a north-south runway with its nose pointed toward the terminal and its tail toward San Francisco Bay.

~~FBI sharpshooters with~~ high-powered rifles fitted with telescopic sights took up positions on the roof of the UAL maintenance building.

After the money and parachutes were loaded aboard the plane, the passengers and one stewardess were allowed to disembark. Sixty-six passengers immediately were interviewed by FBI agents and then flown to Los Angeles.

Because of Coggin's role in the exchange, United Air Lines had believed for a time that two or three hijackers were involved in the caper.

Easterly Course

After Coggin and the other passengers were released, the plane took off and headed on an easterly course.

One hour out of San Francisco, the pilot opened a door at the rear of the plane presumably to permit the hijacker to bail out.

FBI agents and airline officials mistakenly announced that the man had parachuted east of Tonopah, Nev., about 300 miles north of Las Vegas. They later corrected the report, saying they misunderstood a message radioed by the pilot.

At approximately 10:10 p.m., radar observers in Utah plotted a course change. The jet, which had been heading north

toward Salt Lake City, veered east.

Utah State Highway Patrol trooper Bob Van Iep-eren said the heading would take the craft over the Provo, Utah, area, a region of "some rugged mountains and flat desert."

Seven minutes after the course change, the pilot radioed that the hijacker had bailed out.

About 70 sheriff's and highway patrol cars converged on the area, about nine miles southeast of Provo airport. Military and civilian helicopters were rushed into the jump area and the FBI set up a command post in Provo.

A Utah highway patrolman said much of the area is rugged and blanketed by snow but "there are good roads where a person

could go," he added, naming U.S. 50 and State 6.

Temperatures were expected to drop below freezing overnight.

In Denver, a United spokesman said the airline had used the Federal Aviation Administration profile of characteristics of potential hijackers, but reportedly employed no other special security precautions for passengers boarding there.

In addition to the pilot, the other five crew members aboard the plane after it left San Francisco also are from Southern California.

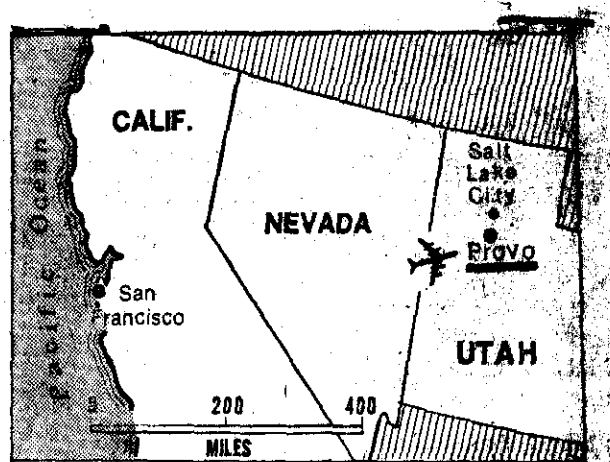
They included First Officer K.R. Bradley of San Diego, Flight Engineer K.W. Owen of Thousand Oaks and stewardesses Diane K. Sugimoto, Diane M. Surdam and Margie M. Newby, all of Los Angeles.



TELLS OF ORDEAL — Sandra Wilkinson, 25, of Honolulu, an off-duty United Air Lines stewardess who was aboard hijacked plane, tells of her experi-

ence after release in San Francisco. With her is Dr. Harry Huffaker, also of Honolulu, who was a passenger on the jetliner hijacked over Colorado.

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A \$500,000 LEAP—Map shows where jet hijacker leaped over Provo, Utah, with \$500,000 ransom.
Times map by John Snyder

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Chutist seized in \$500,000 hijack

SALT LAKE CITY (UPI) — FBI agents arrested an amateur skydiver and law enforcement student Sunday for the hijacking of an airliner in which \$500,000 was paid to ransom a United Air Lines jet's 91 passengers.

The FBI would not say if the ransom had been recovered.

The suspect, Richard Floyd McCoy Jr., 29, a combat helicopter pilot in Vietnam who once taught Sunday school for the Mormon Church, was arrested as he prepared to leave home for a Sunday drill with his National Guard unit.

FBI agents dug up the yard of McCoy's modest

brown brick home without finding the half-million dollars in cash which the hijacker picked up in San Francisco last Friday before he bailed out of the airliner near Provo.

However, they seized three big boxes, a small box and two brown suitcases they said "contain evidence" from the home and

took it to Salt Lake City FBI headquarters.

Agents in Provo later answered "no comment" when asked if the ransom money had been recovered.

McCoy, married and the father of two, was arraigned before a U.S. magistrate and held on charges

of air piracy, which could bring a death sentence.

The FBI complaint said McCoy told Utah Highway Patrolman Robert Van Ieperen three weeks ago that it "would be possible for someone to hijack a plane by taking his own parachute along." He also told the patrolman that "if he were to hijack a plane he would ask for half a million bucks."

The FBI said it had compared the hijacker's notes with Army records signed by McCoy and found the handwriting "identical." A passenger aboard the jet who sat near the hijacker identified a picture of McCoy was the man who commandeered the plane after it took off from Denver on a scheduled flight from Newark, N.J., to Los Angeles.

The skyjacker jumped from the rear of the Boeing 727 near Provo about 11:30 p.m. Friday. A massive search for the

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muddy fields there failed to find any trace of him.

McCoy told the U.S. magistrate he had no income except his \$240 a month GI benefits and what he earned with the National Guard. The only comment he would make to reporters as he was taken before the magistrate was: "It's embarrassing, let's face it."

The suspect, who has thin brown hair, sideburns and blue eyes, spoke softly answering the magistrate's questions. He asked for a court-appointed attorney. A hearing was set for April 19.

McCoy was described by persons who knew him as quiet and reserved. A fellow student in his police administration class at Brigham Young University said he "wanted to make his dent on the world by uncovering organized crime."

A pupil in his Sunday school class said "all he ever talked about was sin."

A casual conversation with patrolman Van Ieperen about skyjacking, and the concern of his sister-in-law over his absence from home last Friday evening turned suspicion on McCoy, according to the FBI.

Van Ieperen said McCoy talked about how a successful hijack could be pulled off. Last Friday, when the hijack drama was unfolding over the Western skies and in San Francisco, McCoy's sister-in-law telephoned the patrolman, saying McCoy was not home and she was "scared to death" because he had tried to enlist her in a hijacking scheme.

BILL DAUSE, instructor at a skydiving center near Salt Lake City, said McCoy was "a very nice guy, quiet and likeable." He said he was not a very good parachutist.

McCoy was accused of hijacking the United plane over Colorado Friday and forcing it to land in San Francisco. The hijacker, who was carrying two guns, a grenade and plastic explosives, allowed the passengers to leave the plane after the airline paid \$500,000 ransom. Then he forced the pilot to fly over Provo where he bailed out.

McCoy was wearing Army fatigues when arrested at his home near the BYU campus.

A native of Raleigh, N.C., McCoy has been a student off and on for the past 10 years and is currently enrolled full-time at BYU.

THE FBI affidavit disclosed new details of the sky drama. It said one of a dozen or more notes the hijacker sent the plane crew threatened that if he saw any chase planes he would set a plastic explosive to blow up the plane after he jumped.

Another note said that if either of the stewardesses or anybody in the plane crew watched him in the cabin "it would be a long fall without a parachute."

Air Force planes did follow the jetliner, and the co-pilot watched the hijacker don a jump suit before leaping.

The passenger who identified the picture of McCoy as the hijacker was William R. Coggin, 21, a California state prisoner being returned to California by a guard. He was used by the hijacker to carry the ransom money and four military parachutes aboard the plane in San Francisco.

THE BLINDS were drawn in the McCoy home Sunday. The children were playing outside in the morning, but were taken indoors when newsmen arrived.

"He was a real kind person," said Mrs. Cluff's husband, Norm.

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Amateur Skydiver Is Arrested

Special to The Herald-Examiner

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah — Federal Bureau of Investigation agents have recovered \$449,970, a parachute, a helmet and a pistol from the home of Richard F.

McCoy Jr., 29, a Vietnam veteran jailed in the \$500,000 ransom hijacking of a United Airlines jetliner, it was reported today. An FBI spokesman said the money and other items were un-

covered yesterday during a search of the premises of McCoy at 360 S. 200 E. St., Provo, Utah.

The money was found "in a cardboard box" at the home, according to the FBI.

The cardboard box containing the money, and pistol were turned over to Magistrate A.M. Ferro in Salt Lake City.

FBI agents spent most of yesterday searching in and around the Provo house and were observed taking out a large cardboard box and two black suitcases.

The FBI submitted a list of things uncovered from the home to the U.S. Magistrate which they said included:

- A pistol, holster and clothing, which were in the box with the money.

- A green military-type flight suit with two aerial flare cartridges in the pockets, and a second flight suit.

- A blue and white parachute with red trim and a black parachute harness.

- Two helmets, one crash-type, and one military jump style.

- Two electric typewriters and a brown striped sport coat.

- One green military canvas bag.

McCoy, once a combat helicopter pilot in Vietnam and an amateur skydiver, was arrested at the house without incident early yesterday.

He was charged with air piracy in the hijack of a United Airlines 727 jetliner over Colorado Friday. The jet was commandeered to San Francisco after the skyjacker demanded \$500,000 as ransom for the 91 persons aboard.

McCoy, majoring in law enforcement at Brigham Young University, was seized at his modern, brown brick home as he was preparing to leave for Sunday drill with his National Guard unit.

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FBI agents searched the home and dug up the back yard looking for the \$500,000 in cash which the hijacker picked up in San Francisco before he bailed out of the United Air Lines jet near Provo.

After digging through a compost pile in the back yard, the agents left the home, saying the ransom had not been found and "the search is still on" for it.

McCoy was arraigned before a U.S. magistrate and held on air piracy charges, which could bring a death sentence.

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During his brief appearance before U.S. Magistrate Ferro,

McCoy was quiet and appeared calm. His only remark to newsmen as he faced the charges of pulling off the biggest airline ransom hijack in history was: "It's embarrassing, let's face it."

The suspect is married and the father of two.

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Learning this, the hijacker released the flight's 85 passengers and demanded the maps and weather information for a

flight toward Miami, saying he personally would pick up the material at the bottom of the ramp.



UPI photo

HIJACK SUSPECT ARRAIGNED
Manacled Richard F. McCoy Jr. with U.S. marshal

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All but \$30 of \$500,000 Hijack Ransom Found

FBI Agents Recover \$499,970, Gun and Parachute at Suspect's Home in Utah

SALT LAKE CITY (AP)—All but 30 of the half-million dollars paid to the hijacker of a United Air Lines 727 jet has been recovered, the FBI told a U.S. magistrate Monday.

The FBI said it found the \$499,970, a gun and parachute at the home of Richard Floyd McCoy Jr., 29, of Provo, Utah. McCoy has been charged with air piracy in the Friday hijacking.

A cardboard box containing the money, a blue and white parachute, a pistol with holster and other items was presented as evidence obtained from warrants used in a search of McCoy's rented home in a neatly kept Provo neighborhood. Among the items taken but not listed was a

fake hand grenade, the FBI said.

Agents spent most of Sunday afternoon searching the brick house and digging in the yard and were seen taking a large cardboard box and two black suitcases from the premises.

FBI officials in Washington refused to allow comment on the recovered money, but it was learned that it took agents most of Sunday night to count the \$499,970 and that the FBI was required to present a list of evidence to the magistrate before making a public statement.

The box weighed an estimated 40 pounds and contained more than 7,000 bills.

The aircraft crew said

vent the destruction of the terrain, we will pay," he said.

The law sets strict standards for mine operators in restoring mined land.

the hijacker bailed out over Provo late Friday night and agents centered their search for clues in a small area about four miles west of McCoy's home. The FBI said Monday the hijacker landed in an area five minutes by car from the McCoy residence.

McCoy, an amateur skydiver, was described by his parachute instructor as being only mildly expert at the sport and he had never jumped at night.

The FBI has not disclosed how it believes the hijacker slipped out of the grassy area near the Provo airport and Utah Lake where agents and hundreds of state and local lawmen concentrated their search. The area was sealed off almost immediately after the crew radioed about the bailout.

McCoy, a Vietnam veteran, a Utah National Guard helicopter pilot and former Mormon Sunday school teacher, was arrested Sunday morning as he was preparing to leave for weekend military drills.

A close friend, Robert

Van Isperen, a Utah Highway patrolman and guard buddy whose statements to the FBI were reported to have led agents to McCoy, said Sunday McCoy had been at guard drills all day Saturday.

United Air Lines President Edward E. Carlson expressed satisfaction Monday with the speedy capture of the suspect. He said, "United Air Lines is grateful for the efficient work of the Federal Bureau of Investigation." He also praised the "cool-headed and efficient conduct" of crew members during "the difficult situation."

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Synopsis: Crew members, United Airlines (UAL) employees and passengers on board UAL Flight 855, 4/7/72, reinterviewed in Los Angeles and shown photograph spread, including photographs of RICHARD FLOYD MC COY, JR. No persons were located who could identify MC COY as the hijacker of UAL Flight 855, 4/7/72.

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United Airlines [redacted] advised that he never was able to observe the hijacker aboard United Flight 855 on April 7, 1972.

[redacted] advised that he was interviewed by Agents of the FBI at Salt Lake City, Utah, upon landing. b7C

[redacted] advised that he is based at Los Angeles and can be located at his home, [redacted] Apartment [redacted] Los Angeles, telephone number [redacted]

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Interviewed on 4/8/72 at Los Angeles, California File # Los Angeles 164-580

by SA [redacted] ^{b7C} 1:00 Date dictated 4/10/72

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date of transcription 4/12/72

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by Agents of the FBI when their plane landed at Salt Lake
City, Utah.

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[redacted] advised that he is based in Los Angeles
and can be contacted at his residence, [redacted]
San Diego, California, telephone number (714) [redacted]

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by SA [redacted] /lkp Date dictated 4/10/72

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date of transcription 4/12/72

[redacted] working aboard United Airlines Flight 855, which was hijacked on April 7, 1972, advised that he had been interviewed in depth by Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation when he landed at Salt Lake City, Utah.

[redacted] was unable to identify a photograph of suspect RICHARD MC COY as being the hijacker.

b7C

[redacted] advised that he is based in Los Angeles and can be contacted at his home, [redacted] Thousand Oaks, California, telephone number (805) [redacted]

[redacted] furnished the following descriptive information regarding the hijacker:

Male, white, age 27 to 30 years, height 5'7", weight 145 to 150 pounds, olive or yellowish complexion, blue-grey eyes, dark brown hair; wore light colored tie, colored stripes in shirt, dark modern looking sport coat. Prior to jumping, [redacted] saw hijacker dressed in a dark colored flying or jumping suit, like a coverall; black or dark crash helmet, with a white verticle stripe on center of the lower back edge; a large watch, timer, or altimeter strapped to his right wrist; a band aid on right cheek area; maybe a scarf around his neck; sunglasses appeared to have mirrored fronts. The wig and moustache worn by the suspect were obviously false.

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[redacted] advised that he was the only member of the flight crew of the plane that was able to observe the suspect in the plane. [redacted] never observed the suspect without the wig and moustache disguise.

If any additional information comes to his attention, he will notify the Federal Bureau of Investigation at Los Angeles.

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by SA [redacted] b7C Date dictated 4/10/72

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1Date of transcription 4/12/72

United Airlines [redacted]
advised that she had worked aboard hijacked United Airlines
Flight 855. She was allowed to deplane at San Francisco
Airport.

She states that she was interviewed in depth by
Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation at San
Francisco, and had no further information to add.

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She was unable to identify a photograph of suspect
RICHARD MC COY as being the hijacker.

[redacted] advised that she is based in Los Angeles
and can be contacted at her home, [redacted], Gardena,
California, telephone number [redacted]

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Interviewed on 4/8/72 at Los Angeles, California File # Los Angeles 164-580

by SA [redacted] /lkp *h* Date dictated 4/10/72

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date of transcription 4/12/72

United Airlines [redacted] was working United Flight 855 on April 7, 1972. She is based at Los Angeles and can be contacted at her home, [redacted] Apartment [redacted], Encino, California, telephone number [redacted] or through her parents at [redacted] Tarzana, California, telephone number [redacted].

[redacted] was interviewed by FBI Agents at Salt Lake City, Utah, upon landing and had no further pertinent information to report.

[redacted] was unable to identify a photograph of suspect RICHARD MC COY as being the hijacker. She never saw the hijacker without his sun glasses, false wig, and moustache.

She described the hijacker as being a male, white, age about thirty years, height about 5'6", weight 145 to 150 pounds, swarthy complexion, blue eyes, black wig and moustache; dirty fingernails, bitten down, hands of mechanic; wore band aid on left cheek. He had high cheek bones; wore dark sunglasses with a mirrored tint; wore dark sport jacket, colored shirt, bright wide tie, dark pants and shoes.

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by SA [redacted] /lkp *B* Date dictated 4/10/72

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date of transcription 4/12/72

United Airlines [redacted] was working on the hijacked United Flight 855. She is based at Los Angeles and can be contacted at her home, [redacted] Drive, Los Angeles, California, telephone number [redacted] b7C

She was unable to identify a photograph of suspect RICHARD MC COY as being the hijacker, as she never observed the hijacker when he was not wearing his false wig and moustache disguise.

[redacted] advised that she was interviewed in depth by FBI Agents at Salt Lake City, upon their landing. b7C

[redacted] advised that she would describe the hijacker as follows:

He was a male, white, about 27 to 30 years of age, dark complexion, Latin or Mexican, height 5'5", weight 145 to 150 pounds, blue eyes, dark wig, fingers short and stubby, nails dirty and bitten very far down. He had a band aid on left cheek, high cheek bones, sunglasses were butterfly in shape and mirrored. He had muscular legs. He was wearing a colored shirt and large, light colored tie; navy blue modern sport jacket with a tweed type weave. The slacks were also blue, maybe modern double knit design; shoes were also blue, with a brown leather strip across the toe in the area in front of the instep. The shoes had some sort of perforation in the toe area.

[redacted] sat [redacted] and suspect sat at a window seat. She [redacted] the Captain. Once when she was bringing him an unopened can of Ginger Ale, she noted that the suspect put his gloves on in a hurry. He did have his gloves off during the flight. She kept a note furnished to her by the suspect and turned it over to FBI Agents at Salt Lake City. b7C

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by SA [redacted] /lkp Date dictated 4/10/72

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[] stated that when the three United Airlines workers came to the plane at San Francisco to unload the baggage, she noted that two of the men had on dress shoes and not work shoes, and therefore, were probably FBI Agents. [] hoped that the hijacker would not notice this small detail.

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[] will furnish any additional information that comes to her attention to the FBI at Los Angeles.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date of transcription 4/12/72

United Airlines [redacted] advised that he was a dead heading passenger aboard United Flight 855, which was hijacked, April 7, 1972. He is based at Los Angeles and can be contacted at his home located at [redacted] Apartment [redacted] telephone (213) [redacted] b7C

b7C [redacted] advised that he had been interviewed in depth by the FBI at San Francisco, California, when he was allowed to leave the plane.

[redacted] advised that he never observed the hijacker without the false moustache, wig, and sunglass disguise, and he was not able to identify the photograph of suspect RICHARD MC COY as being the hijacker.

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During the flight [redacted] stated that he observed that this individual had put on a pair of round mirror styled metal framed sunglasses and also put a small piece of flesh colored tape on his right cheek directly below his sunglasses.

[redacted] advised that [redacted] began to tell him that he [redacted] suspected that this individual was acting in a suspicious manner; however, [redacted] at first thought that this was a ruse on the part of [redacted]

b7C [redacted] advised that he never observed this individual without black, mod style hair or without his mustache. He stated, however, that [redacted] apparently had seen this individual with brown hair and had told him, [redacted] that this individual had apparently put on a wig. [redacted] stated he never observed this individual with anything other than the black, mod style hair.

An appropriate spread of photographs was then exhibited to [redacted] including photographs of RICHARD FLOYD MC COY. [redacted] stated he was unable to identify any of these photographs as being identical to the individual who sat in Row 20 of UAL Flight 855 en route Denver, Colorado to Los Angeles, California on March 7, 1972. b7C

[redacted] states that he may be able to identify this individual if he were to observe him personally.

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1Date 4/12/72

[redacted] Room [redacted], Miramar Hotel, b7C
Wilshire Boulevard and Ocean Avenue, advised he was a
passenger on the United Airlines flight that was hijacked
on April 7, 1972, between Denver, Colorado, and San Fran-
cisco, California, and that he had observed the hijacker
momentarily.

He was shown a group of photographs of white males
including two photographs of RICHARD F. MC COY, JR. He
observed the photographs by holding them in his hands. He
advised he could not identify the hijacker among the photo-
graphs.

He said he observed MC COY on various television
news programs in which MC COY was identified as the hijacker,
but that he did not recognize MC COY as such on television.
He was unable to furnish additional information.

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On 4/10/72 at Santa Monica, California File # Los Angeles 164-580
by SA [redacted] jr b7C Date dictated 4/11/72

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date of transcription 4/10/72

[redacted] who was a passenger on the United Airlines plane hijacked between Denver, Colorado, and San Francisco, California, on April 7, 1972, telephonically b7C contacted the FBI Office, Los Angeles, California. [redacted] stated that he was interviewed by the FBI in San Francisco after his release from the hijacked plane, but that he had thought of one other bit of information which he did not provide previously.

[redacted] advised that after the plane had landed at San Francisco, the passengers had been advised to only use the restroom located in the front section of the plane.

[redacted] stated that he went to use that restroom, and, as he was returning to his seat, he happened to be right behind a stewardess who was carrying a note back to the hijacker from the cockpit of the plane. [redacted] advised that the stewardess was stopped in the first class section of the aircraft by two men who were sitting together about three rows from the front on the left side of the aircraft as you walk to the rear of the plane. [redacted] stated the two men read the note the stewardess was carrying, and then allowed her to continue her walk to the rear of the plane. b7C

[redacted] described the above two men as follows:

Man #1

Nationality	Spanish descent
Age	Middle age
Complexion	Dark
Characteristics	Mustache
Height	Short in statue
Clothing	Wearing medium brown colored business suit

Man #2

Race	Caucasian
Age	Approximately 25-30 years of age
Height	Tall in statue

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Hair
Clothing

Black
Wearing a blue knit suit
with a belted back

[redacted] home address is [redacted]
Inglewood, Colorado, [redacted] telephone [redacted]
business address is [redacted] Denver, Colorado, b7C
[redacted] telephone [redacted]

[redacted] advised that he will be at the Century
Plaza Hotel in Los Angeles, California, until Sunday afternoon,
April 9, 1972. [redacted] stated that he can be contacted at
the Fairmont Hotel in San Francisco from Sunday night,
April 9, 1972, to Wednesday, April 12, 1972.

April 18, 1972

[redacted] b7C
Apartment [redacted]
[redacted]
Alexandria, Virginia [redacted]
Dear [redacted]

It was indeed thoughtful of you to write on April 9th and comment as you did regarding the actions of this Bureau in connection with the hijacking of United Air Lines Flight 855 on April 7, 1972. Communications such as yours mean a great deal and each member of the FBI team joins me in expressing appreciation for your complimentary remarks.

Sincerely yours,

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1 - Los Angeles - Enclosure

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9 APRIL 1972
DENVER, COLORADO

DEAR SIR:

AS A PILOT AND AN
EMPLOYEE OF UNITED AIR LINES
I WISH TO EXPRESS MY
APPRECIATION FOR THE PROMPT
AND EFFECTIVE HANDLING
BY YOUR AGENCY OF THE
HIJACKING OF OUR FLIGHT
855 FROM DENVER ON
FRIDAY.

THIS IS A JOB WE CAN
ALL BE PROUD OF, AND I
THANK YOU AND THE OFFICERS
INVOLVED.

MOST SINCERELY,

[Redacted Signature]

b7C

FBI, U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
STATE TELETYPE SYSTEM

4/11/72

Transmit in _____ by teletype to: **APB**
(Type in "plaintext" or "code")**CANCELLATION - AIRCRAFT HIJACKING****RE APB E 033 FBS 4/7/72****CONCERNING UNITED AIR LINES FLIGHT 855 A BOEING 727 WHICH
WAS HIJACKED AT THE SAN FRANCISCO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT.****ALL AGENCIES DISCONTINUE. HIJACKER IDENTIFIED AS RICHARD
FLOYD MC COY IN CUSTODY SALT LAKE CITY.****THANKS.****ROBERT E. GEBHARDT, SAC, FBI, SAN FRANCISCO**

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AIR MAIL

TO: SAC, DENVER (164-120)
FROM: SAC, SALT LAKE CITY (164-36) (P)
RE: RICHARD FLOYD MC COY, JR.
CAA - HIJACKING;
INTERFERENCE WITH FLIGHT CREW MEMBERS
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Enclosed for each receiving office is a side view and a front view photograph of the subject which were taken 4/10/72 after his arrest at Salt Lake City, Utah, on 4/9/72. It is noted these are black and white, however, colored photos are being prepared.

Receiving offices may desire to use these in their investigation.

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Not Guilty Plea Entered in Skyjacking

SALT LAKE CITY (UPI) — Richard F. McCoy, charged with the \$500,000 skyjacking of a United Air Lines jet in April, pleaded not guilty Friday and was given a trial date.

McCoy, a 29-year-old helicopter pilot and skydiving enthusiast, appeared before U.S. Dist. Judge Willis W. Ritter, who ordered him to stand trial beginning June 26.

McCoy was arrested at his home in Provo, Utah, two days after a skyjacker took \$500,000 and bailed out near there. He is charged with air piracy and faces a maximum penalty of death.

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Jury Convicts Utah Hijacker

SALT LAKE CITY—Richard Floyd McCoy, a Vietnam veteran and former Sunday school teacher, was found guilty Thursday night of air piracy in the hijacking of a United Air Lines jet from which he parachuted with \$500,000 ransom money.

The six-man, six-woman U.S. District Court jury delivered its verdict shortly before midnight.

McCoy, a 29-year-old law enforcement student at Utah's Brigham Young University, could receive 20 years to life in prison.

McCoy's wife, Karen, broke into tears when the verdict was read. McCoy appeared calm.

No defense testimony disputed facts laid out in nearly four days by more than 30 prosecution witnesses and 50 pieces of evidence.

Prosecution witnesses linked McCoy to the April 7 hijacking of the United Air Lines flight from Denver to Los Angeles. The plane was diverted to San Francisco and returned to Utah, where the hijacker bailed out over Provo.

The plane's passengers were let off the plane at San Francisco. McCoy was arrested at his home two days after the hijacking.

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Skyjacker Gets 45 Years in Prison

SALT LAKE CITY (UPI)—

Former Green Beret Richard P. McCoy Jr., 29, was sentenced to 45 years in federal prison Monday for hijacking a jetliner and parachuting with \$500,000 ransom.

Sentence was imposed by U.S. District Judge Willis Ritter after a jury convicted McCoy two weeks ago on one count of air piracy. The judge made no comment on the case.

In a plea for clemency, McCoy noted that as a helicopter pilot in Vietnam he was decorated for heroism. "I hope you take consideration of my past record," he told the court.

The FBI said he hijacked a United Air Lines jetliner on April 7 while it was on a flight from Chicago to San Francisco. Agents said he jumped from the plane while it was over Provo, Utah, where he lived.

McCoy was taken into custody at his home two days after the hijacking, and just about all of the ransom was recovered.

The defendant was a Mormon Sunday school teacher and a police science major at Brigham Young University in Provo.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (164-580) *ES*

DATE: 8/10/74

FROM : SA *[Signature]* b7C

SUBJECT: RICHARD FLOYD MC COY, JR.
CAA - HIJACKING; INTERFERENCE WITH
FLIGHT CREW MEMBERS
OO: Salt Lake City

A Apt.
Los Angeles. telephone advised he was calling for
 Canton, Ohio, who was
a principal government witness against subject and against
whom, according to , subject has made threats.

b7C

stated that had called her
mother from Canton, Ohio, after learning that subject had
escaped today from Lewisberg Federal Prison. stated
 was very upset about the safety of her daughter
and asked if the FBI could verify the escape of MC COY.

b7C

The writer advised that he had heard on KNX that
a man who had hijacked an airplane over Salt Lake City had
in fact escaped from Lewisberg and that should
contact the local FBI or U. S. Marshall's Office covering
Canton, Ohio if she feared for her life. advised that
 had already made such contacts.

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This is provided for information.

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ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER, BANK ROBBERY RICHARD FLOYD MC COY, JR.

FBI No. 919,406 J2



Photographs taken 1973

Photographs taken 1972

Alias: T. Johnson

DESCRIPTION

Age: 31, born December 7, 1942, Kinston, North Carolina
Height: 5'10"
Weight: 170 pounds
Build: Medium
Hair: Brown
Eyes: Blue
Complexion: Dark
Race: White
Nationality: American
Scars and Marks: Scars on left ring and left little fingers, left side of nose, left bicep, right inside thigh
Remarks: Has large protruding ears and may be wearing mustache. While in military service McCoy received training as an Army aviator, helicopter pilot, demolition specialist and parachutist.
Social Security Number used: 237-66-2779

Fingerprint Classification: 10 0 1 Tt 3 Ref: 5 1 5
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CRIMINAL RECORD

McCoy has been convicted of Aircraft Piracy.

CAUTION

MCCOY ESCAPED FROM THE FEDERAL PENITENTIARY, LEWISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA, ON AUGUST 10, 1974. HE IS BELIEVED TO BE IN THE COMPANY OF MELVIN DALE WALKER, THE SUBJECT OF WANTED FLYER 477. MC COY AND WALKER SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

A Federal warrant was issued on August 19, 1974, at New Bern, North Carolina, charging McCoy with bank robbery (Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 2113d).

IF YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING THIS PERSON, PLEASE NOTIFY ME OR CONTACT YOUR LOCAL FBI OFFICE. TELEPHONE NUMBERS AND ADDRESSES OF ALL FBI OFFICES LISTED ON BACK.

C. M. Kelley
DIRECTOR

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Telephone or telegraph the Special Agent in Charge at the above address

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Scars and Marks: Scars on left ring and left little fingers, left side of nose, left bicep, right inside thigh
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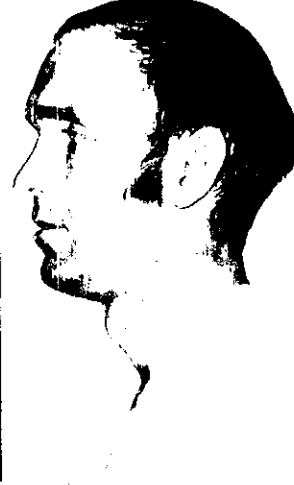
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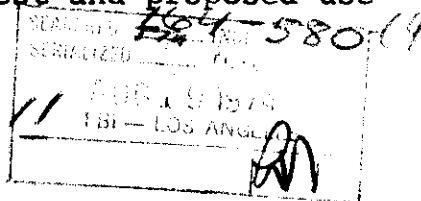
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Hijacker, 3 Others Crash Out of Prison

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The convicted skyjacker, Richard F. McCoy Jr., is a former Mormon Sunday school teacher who entered Brigham Young University as a law enforcement major after he finished a tour of duty as a helicopter pilot in Vietnam.

McCoy was sentenced to 45 years for air piracy after he was convicted in the April 1972 hijacking of a United Airlines jet. The Boeing 727 was commandeered by a man with a hand grenade after the jet stopped in Denver on a Newark-to-Los Angeles flight.

The plane was diverted to San Francisco where the money and parachutes were delivered and the passengers were allowed to leave. The plane took off on a zigzag course over the Northwest and the hijacker bailed near Provo, Utah.

Three days later, McCoy was arrested in the Provo bungalow where he lived with his wife and two children.

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Skyjacker Hunted In Swamp

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"It's like throwing a rabbit into a briar patch — it's like home to him," said Cove City Mayor Charles McCoy. "Most of the FBI seem to think he's already out of the area. I'd bet my pants on it. I might lose them, but I bet I wouldn't."

McCoy said fugitive Richard Floyd McCoy, a fourth or fifth cousin and a convicted airline hijacker who crashed out of the federal penitentiary in Lewisburg, Pa., last Saturday with three other convicts in a garbage truck, had roamed the thickly wooded swamp since boyhood.

McCoy said his fugitive cousin knew the swamp so well "he could tell you which way the water runs in which ditch or stream."

As a boy, the mayor said McCoy "used to go into the swamps with his brother just to see who could catch the most snakes barehanded and pop their heads off."

The mayor said he did not know why McCoy, 31, came to the area except that "his wife and two children live here and his mother lives here and his father in Raleigh."

McCoy, the fugitive, was convicted two years ago of hijacking a United Air Lines jetliner and parachuting into the night over the Utah mountains with a ransom of \$500,000, which was later recovered. He drew a 45-year prison term.

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Mayor McCoy, 52, chief
executive of this eastern
North Carolina sawmill
town for the past 10 years,
said Richard McCoy's
mother, Myrtle Holland,
and other relatives re-
portedly had been using
police loudspeakers to
plead with the young man
to give himself up.

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Hijacker Dies a Mystery Man

VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. — Richard Floyd McCoy — war hero, Sunday school teacher and airline hijacker — probably will remain a mystery forever to those who knew him in Provo, Utah.

McCoy was shot to death by FBI agents in a Saturday night gunfight here.

As a 29-year-old Brigham Young University student in 1972, McCoy hijacked a United Air Lines jet on a Newark-to-Los Angeles flight and bailed out with \$500,000 over his hometown of Provo.

Agents said McCoy had used a grenade to commandeer the plane after a stop at Denver. The plane was diverted to San Francisco, where the \$500,000 ransom was paid, passengers were allowed to leave the plane and parachutes were put aboard. The pilot then was ordered to fly a zigzag course over the Northwest, and McCoy bailed out.

He was arrested three days later and all but \$30 of the money was recovered.

McCoy and three other prisoners escaped Aug. 10 from the federal prison at Lewisburg, Pa., where he was serving a 45-year sentence for air piracy. FBI agents said he was also wanted in connection with a North Carolina bank robbery a few days after the escape.

Those in Provo who knew him in 1972 reacted with disbelief after he was arrested on the air piracy charge.

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"He is a real kind person," North Cluff, a neighbor, told newsmen then.

Cluff's wife, Jessica, agreed: "I can't believe he would do such a thing."

A handful of acquaintances, most of them from the McCoy's ward in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, comforted McCoy's wife, Karen, throughout the day following his arrest.

McCoy, father of two children, had served twice in Vietnam as a Green Beret and was studying law enforcement at BYU at the time of the hijacking. His arrest baffled the conservative church campus.

Some students criticized the news media for playing up the fact that McCoy was a BYU student and a Mormon.

Students in a Sunday school class that he once taught described him as kind. "He was so sociable—such a nice person," Norma Morgan, a neighbor and member of the McCoy's church ward, said.

At his trial, only four witnesses appeared in his defense. Each said they had known the slim, slightly balding McCoy four years before in Germany when he was president of a church congregation of about 40 members.

A former Mormon mission president in Germany, Elder Orville Gunther of American Fork, Utah, characterized McCoy as "highly regarded for his honesty . . . known as peaceful and nonviolent."

McCoy, 31, was shot to death Saturday in Virginia Beach when he pulled a gun and began firing after agents had identified themselves, the FBI said.

Arrested in the same quiet, middle-class neighborhood was Melvin Dale Walker, 34, who was in the FBI's 10-most-wanted list and one of the men who escaped from prison with McCoy.

John Coneys, a spokesman for the FBI, said that McCoy had been killed as he entered a house that he and Walker had rented near the Virginia Beach oceanfront.

Coneys said the federal agents and local men had had the house staked out for two days after receiving a tip that the two men occasionally stayed there.

McCoy and Walker arrived at the house about 11:30 p.m. Saturday, unaware that FBI agents were inside, Coneys said. McCoy went to the front door and Walker drove away from the house to survey the neighborhood.

"McCoy opened the front door and at that point an agent inside identified himself and told him to hold it and then to come in," Coneys said.

"After about a split second he pulled his revolver. He got one shot off and the agent returned fire. It blasted him right out the front door."

Coneys said McCoy's shot hit a wall inside the house. Before he was able to fire again he was struck by a single shotgun blast.

Walker was driving back to the house but took off at high speed when he heard the shooting, Coneys said.

"Two units pulled him over at gunpoint," Coneys said. "He had two loaded weapons in the car, but he chose to surrender."

Agents said an arsenal of rifles and pistols was found at the house.



Richard McCoy

(Mount Clipping in Space Below)

Escaped Skyjacker Killed in FBI Raid

VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. (AP) — FBI agents raided a home in a quiet middle class neighborhood late Saturday night, captured one of the nation's 10 most-wanted criminals and killed a prison escapee who two years ago skyjacked an airliner and bailed out with \$500,000 over the Utah desert.

The skyjacker, Richard Floyd McCoy, 31, was shot and killed when he pulled a gun and began firing after agents identified themselves, the FBI said.

Arrested was Melvin Dale Walker, 35, who was on the agency's 10-most-wanted list and had escaped with McCoy from the federal prison at Lewisburg, Pa., in August.

FBI spokesman John Coneys said McCoy, a former Mormon Sunday school teacher who served as a Green Beret in Vietnam, was killed as he entered a house he and Walker had rented near the Virginia Beach oceanfront.

Coneys said the federal agents and Virginia Beach police had had the house staked out for two days after receiving a tip that the two men were occasionally staying there.

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McCoy had attended Brigham Young University as a law enforcement major. The former Green Beret, who flew a helicopter in Vietnam, was sentenced to 45 years in prison for the April 1972 skyjacking of a United Air Lines jetliner.

Agents said McCoy used a grenade to commandeer the plane, on a flight from Newark, N.J., to Los Angeles, after a stop in Denver. The plane was diverted to San Francisco where \$500,000 in ransom was paid, passengers were allowed to leave the plane and parachutes were placed on board. The pilot was then ordered to fly a zigzag course over the Northwest and McCoy bailed out near Provo, Utah.

McCoy, who is married and the father of two children, was arrested three days later at his rented Provo bungalow and all but \$30 of the ransom money was recovered.



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RICHARD McCOY

Killed in gun battle

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